

FORECAST—Moderate easterly winds, shifting to southeast, becoming strong; cloudy and mild, with showers today and Sunday.

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TIDES  
Sun sets, 4.20; rises Sunday, 8.03.  
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**JULIANA MEETS ELEANOR**—Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, a refugee at Ottawa from her homeland since the German invasion, is greeted by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at the White House upon her arrival for an informal visit. This was her first visit to Washington.



**CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR BRITAIN**—As welcome as any present John Bull will receive is this Lockheed Vega bomber which is a gift from Lockheed-Vega's 18,000 employees to England. Lt. James Mattern, left, first man to solo around the world, and Maurice de Swet, prepare to deliver the plane to Royal Air Force officials in Canada.



**WHAT BRITISH DID TO ITALIANS**—Scene on a battlefield at the Libyan frontier with Italian equipment strewn after an attack by British motorized units and the Dagoes took to their heels. A British soldier examines some of the wreckage.

## The War Today

### SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

The New York Times, outlining in a two-column editorial Britain's need for ships, said today the United States should use experience gained in the first Great War and construct ships wholesale for Great Britain.

The United States launched 929 ships of 3,000,000 tons in 1918, the Times recalled. At the time of the Armistice 1,099 shipways in 223 yards were in operation. At present there are only 84 slips in 23 yards, but the Times said the old shipyards of the last war could be brought back into production with "relatively simple reconditioning."

Saying that cheap wooden ships probably would be preferable to costly steel ships, the paper concluded: "We should be well able to embark on such an effort now; we have it in our power to keep great Britain from strangulation without involvement in the war. The sinkings of recent weeks are a clear call to action."

### NAVAL DARING

The New York Herald Tribune praised editorially today the British naval exploit in sweeping up the Adriatic Sea and bombarding Valona, saying Britain has been using its heavy ships "with increasing daring and effect."

Comparing the present naval operations in the Mediterranean with the Norwegian campaign, the Herald Tribune said many considerations may have prompted the British Admiralty to forego a bold stroke against the Germans in Norway at the time of the invasion, and added:

"Since that time the directors of British naval policy—the fighting forces have never needed such a lesson—have learned the need for daring and decision."

**TOTTENING**  
British naval raiding deep into the Adriatic, Italy's private sea, chalks up another score against Mussolini's shaken, if not tottering, Fascist regime. It reflects soaring British hopes of knocking Italy out of the war before the struggle between Germany and Britain enters its decisive phase.

That raid means the Italian army in Albania, probably greater in size than the shattered Fascist force in Libya, is in deadly peril. Its vital southern defensive flank ashore is already crumbling under Greek mauling, now helped by the British naval attack, and its life line to Italy is fractured.

Britain risked battleships in the Adriatic raid. That is the significant fact about the action. Light British naval forces had stabbed before through the narrow straits of Otranto at Italian shipping serving the forces in Albania.

### BOLD MOVE

Risking battleships in such narrow waters, fringed by Italian shore batteries, naval and air bases, is another matter. It was a bold move strongly indicating sure knowledge by the British high command of widening demoralization in Italian forces even at home.

Presumably the big ships lay off shore at the mouth of the straits to pound Valona at long range, aided by aircraft fire spotting. It would be deadly fire under such conditions against so large a target.

The mouth of Valona Bay itself is stoppered by the fortified Italian island of Saseno. It was the eastern pillar of Italian defenses of the entrance to the Adriatic even before Italian seizure of Albania. It made any Albanian resistance to Italian invasion via Valona impossible.

### INDEFENSIBLE

British battleships hammering Valona probably kept out of range of Italian guns at Saseno, using high-angle fire. If they actually approached the entrance of Valona Bay it would be conclusive evidence that Italy has already abandoned that port as indefensible and fallen back up the Adriatic to maintain crippled communications with her Albanian army.

The size of that army now is only conjecturable. It probably exceeds the 250,000 maximum reported for the Italian Libyan army at the time it invaded Egypt.

The British forces have captured 35,000 or more Italians in Egypt and Libya. Another 20,000 is cooped up in Bardia, probably lost to Italy. Add probable battle casualties in Egypt and Libya—dead, wounded and stragglers—and a third of the original Italian force may have been put out of commission in two weeks; while in Albania Il Duce is threatened with even greater disaster.

### AID BY AIR

Just what Mussolini's Axis mate, Hitler, can or will do to help him remains to be seen. Shutting Italian reinforcements in Nazi transport planes to Albania would not seem an adequate answer, although it has been reported. Use of German bombers to help keep the Adriatic free of British warcraft and Greek-British air attacks would seem more practical. No heavy fighting equipment of consequence yet travels by air.

Yet the mere fact that the Germans are reported to be ferrying Italian reinforcements to Albania by air is cumulative evidence that Italy's short-haul communications by sea with her Albanian army are badly impaired. The British heavy-ship incursion into the Adriatic tends to clinch the impression that Mussolini's boasted air force and submarine weapons again have failed him against British sea power as his armies have failed him against Greek and British counter-offensives.

### Army Clothing Strike in London

LONDON (CP)—Workers in a factory turning out army uniforms struck today because of continued employment of a cutter whom their union had expelled on a charge of cutting too many pairs of pants in an hour.

## \$10,000 HEAVEN



**'IMMORTAL INFANT'**—Baby Jean Gaunt.

NEW YORK (AP)—A wealthy widow was quoted here as saying she bought \$10,000 worth of memberships and paid \$750 a day for a room at "Peace Heaven," the luxurious Long Island estate where a group of Metaphysicians sought to start a baby girl on her way to immortality.

Bertha Schwartz, assistant Attorney-General, quoted the widow, Mrs. Ann E. Tomlinson, as saying that in addition she contributed \$1,000 toward construction of a swimming pool, paid an additional \$2 membership monthly and \$2 a day for board.

The state began an inquiry into the fiscal affairs of the group, the Royal Fraternity of Master Metaphysicians, only two days after 18-month-old Jean Gaunt, subject of a 15-month experiment in immortality, was returned to her mother.

James B. Schaffer, head of the society, and his followers contended that immortality could be obtained by a person who never heard or saw anything evil or depressing and lived on vegetables.

## SHORTEST DAY

Today is the shortest day in the year and this evening at 9.55 winter will officially start, when the sun enters Capricornus.

The days will gradually lengthen and the time of sunset each afternoon will grow daily a little later. Sunset today is at 4.20 p.m. Tomorrow it will be a minute later, on Christmas Eve at 4.22 and on Christmas Day at 4.23.

## Trites Sells Mine

A. B. Trites, well-known British Columbia mine owner who sold the Spud Valley mine at Zeballos to Seattle interests, has now sold his holdings in the Berner's Bay area of the Juneau mining district of Alaska to interests in Seattle.

The buyers are E. R. Ehrhardt, former banker; J. B. Umpleby, formerly of the United States Geological Survey, and P. F. Knight, all of Seattle.

A company known as the Kensington Mines has been incorporated in the State of Washington to buy patented and unpatented claims in the Berner's Bay area.

## Stalin 61 Today

MOSCOW (AP)—Josef Stalin's 61st birthday anniversary passed today without formal observance. A year ago it was celebrated.

# British Capture 900 Land-Sea-Air Siege of Bardia Begins

CAIRO (AP)—While British bombers, artillery and warships battered beleaguered Bardia today in an effort to smash a path through the Italian defenses, a general headquarters communique announced British troops had captured an additional 900 prisoners and were "clearing" the areas to the northwest and west of the eastern Libyan base.

The British forces in the western desert, "which continue to be reinforced," also have taken four guns in their mopping-up operations, the communique said.

### Many Italians Try to Escape

As the British closed in, large units of the trapped Fascist forces were said to be trying desperately to slip through the ring of steel

around their eastern Libyan base under cover of darkness and the pall of smoke and dust hanging over the town after five days of bombardment.

### May Try Stand At Tobruk

It was believed in some British circles that such units—if any got through—would try to join Marshal Rodolfo Graziani at Tobruk for a new stand 75 miles west of the Libyan-Egyptian frontier.

The coastal road to Tobruk and Derna has been reported, like Bardia, under almost constant R.A.F. and naval bombardment.

Reports from the battlefield said the British, bringing up infantry to reinforce their advance tank columns, completed a

semicircle of men and guns around the landward side of Bardia last night while a line of warships off the coast finished the encirclement.

Immediately, it was said, the battle of Bardia became a siege. From all sides British guns were thundering at the 17-mile Italian defence front of tank traps, many of them survivors of the Fascist flight from Egypt.

### British Increase Pressure on Oasis

Some prisoners were taken in three days of fighting around the oasis of Giarabub, 130 miles from the coast and 20 miles from the Egyptian border, and last night the rest of the Italian force was reported still holding out against heavy pressure.

### Italians Say Artillery Busy

ROME (AP)—The Italian high command issued the following communique Saturday:

"There was artillery activity in the Cirenaican (Libyan) frontier zone. During December 19 the enemy lost two fighter planes beside those reported lost in yesterday's bulletin.

"Detachments of the 5th air squadron operating in Cirenaica deserve special citation, having tirelessly and up to the most sublime limits of sacrifice collaborated in the fight for destruction of enemy armored units, undergoing hard fighting against enemy air forces at the same time."

## Final Bulletins

### To Silence Nazis

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Police assigned special guards this afternoon to all theatres showing anti-Nazi films and to all meetings of an anti-Nazi nature in an effort to halt a series of organized disturbances by groups crying "Heil Hitler" and throwing stench bombs, tear gas and litch powder.

### Board Must Rule

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States' new defence high command said this afternoon in a statement after its first meeting that the crisis which created it is "irreconcilable in character and cannot be terminated by any methods of appeasement."

### 'Suspicious Ship'

NEW YORK (AP)—The British steamship Thala, in a radio message intercepted by MacKay Radio here today, said she had sighted a "suspicious ship bearing down" on her about 700 miles west off the coast of Portugal.

The vessel gave her position in the message heard about 12.30 p.m., E.S.T. (9.30 a.m., P.S.T.) as 38.58 north latitude and 22.32 west longitude.

### Italians Interned

JERUSALEM (AP)—Several thousand Italian prisoners taken in Britain's Libyan offensive arrived late today at a Palestine internment camp.

### Killed at Sea

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. (CP)—Word has been received here that Tommy Wormworth, 20, serving with the Royal Navy, is missing, believed killed. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Wormworth, live at New Westminster.

## FOR THE TROOPS

### SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Cheer-up concert party at Chamber of Commerce auditorium at 8.30.

Sing-song at Y.M.C.A. at 8. Britannia Branch, Canadian Legion, open house afternoon and evening.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Hostess House, Fort Street, open house with entertainment and dancing.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

"Polar Bear" plunge in the Inner Harbor, sponsored by Victoria Amateur Swimming Club at 10 in the morning.

### BOXING DAY

Three Services Canteen, Broad Street, concert and party from 3 to 6 in the afternoon.

McKechnie Cup, intercity rugby at Macdonald Park, Victoria Crimors Tide vs. Vancouver "Reps" at 2.30.

Intercity soccer at Athletic Park, Victoria United vs. Nanaimo, at 2.30.

### DECEMBER 27

Invitation dance at Chamber of Commerce, arranged by Civic Entertainment Committee, from 8.30 to 11.30. Tickets from Alderman W. H. Davies, 1008 Broad Street, or at City Hall.

### DECEMBER 28

Hostess House, Fort Street, floor show and entertainment.

Intercity basketball at Sports Centre, Dominos vs. Seattle Alpine Dalry.

### DECEMBER 29

Hostess House, Fort Street, motion picture show.

### Ryti's Pledge

HELSINKI (AP)—Risto Ryti, newly-elected President of Finland, pledged himself to improvement of relations with Russia, Germany, and Sweden as he took the oath of office before Parliament today.

## Petain Rejects Move Of Nazis on Cabinet

VICHY (AP)—Informed sources asserted today Fernand de Brinon, French ambassador in German-occupied Paris, acting on orders of French Chief of State Philippe Petain, had delivered to the Germans in Paris France's refusal to make any changes in its cabinet or take back the ousted Pierre Laval.

Petain agreed, as requested by

Otto Abetz, German ambassador to Paris, to replace General de la Laurencie as delegate-general of the Vichy government in the occupied zone with Fernand de Brinon, these sources said.

Other demands, including the ouster of Minister of the Interior Marcel Peyrouton and Minister of Justice Raphael Alibert, were said to have been rejected.

Government leaders convened today at the home of Foreign Minister Pierre Etienne Flandin, ill with influenza, while awaiting German reaction.

Paul Baudouin, secretary of state for the presidency of the council, received German correspondents today, it was learned, and told them "collaboration" was not an issue in Laval's resignation, but that Laval had lost Petain's confidence because of his methods of working.

## Bandleader Kemp Dies of Injuries

MADERA, Calif. (AP)—Hal Kemp, 36, the orchestra leader, died here today from complications that developed from injuries he received in an automobile accident Wednesday.

Death came from pneumonia. His physicians announced yesterday that his condition was grave, and he was placed in an oxygen tent.

The band leader lived in Beverly Hills. His wife was at his bedside.

One of Kemp's lungs was punctured and several ribs were broken when his car and another collided near here. Yesterday pneumonia developed in the injured lung, and spread to the other.

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HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Brit-  
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Hitler tries it," Sir Walter Citrine,  
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Trades Union and a member of  
the Privy Council, said in an ad-  
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armor many cracks are likely to  
appear shortly," Sir Walter said.



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#### Hotel, Famous Church Hit In Night Attack

## Liverpool Suffers Heaviest Raid

LIVERPOOL (CP)—German reconnaissance planes flew over Liverpool and the Merseyside district after daybreak today to survey the damage caused by bombs which battered this centre of overseas commerce last night.

The night raid was reported to have been the heaviest of the war for the Liverpool area.

Rescue workers digging through wreckage and rubble for victims of the attack hardly spared the scouting planes overhead a glance.

The raid started so early last night that crowds of Christmas shoppers were caught in the streets. They filled shelters and basements in the business district and were forced to remain there throughout the night.

Explosive and fire bombs rained down as the raiders swept down in a concentrated attack

despite an intense antiaircraft barrage.

A large hotel was damaged and a famous church hit. One large shelter was hit by a heavy bomb and rescue parties still were bringing out the dead and injured in mid-morning. A number of firemen were killed and injured.

**Incendiaries Cause Widespread Fires**

A greater use of incendiary bombs than in any previous raid on Liverpool caused many fires, lighted targets, and guided wave after wave of bombers over the industrial areas.

There were relatively few casualties, however, and transport facilities were operating almost normally this morning.

During the height of the raid a fire truck ran into a bomb crater in a downtown street, injuring two firemen.

The British Press Association said the ack-ack barrage thrown

up was the stiffest yet seen in the Liverpool district and although some raiders were believed to have been damaged by the heavy fire none were seen to have been shot down.

**Raiding Force Of Record Size**

A record number of bombers was said to have carried out the assault, which continued until dawn. One town in the district was said by the Press Association to have suffered indiscriminate bombing.

Several persons in the dining-room were injured when the Liverpool Hotel was hit.

Commercial buildings in Liverpool were struck, and broken glass strewn streets over a wide area.

Earlier last night bombs fell over wide areas of Britain, including the east coast, inland, and north Wales. In at least one coastal sector, anti-aircraft fire was so intense it shook houses.

Two hospitals, one in an east Midlands area and another in a northwest town were reported hit but no casualties resulted.

London, too, was under intermittent fire.

**Storage Yard, Tannery Set on Fire**

The Ministries of Air and Home Security communique Saturday said:

"Last night the enemy made an attack on Liverpool and Merseyside. This lasted several hours, but by the early morning the position was already well in hand. A tannery and a storage yard were set on fire, but these and a number of other fires were all soon extinguished or under control. A considerable number of houses were demolished or seriously damaged, but casualties are not expected to be heavy."

"A few bombs are reported in other parts of Great Britain, mainly in the Midlands, but re-

ports indicate these caused little damage and very few casualties."

**Germans Claim Arms Plant Hit**

BERLIN (AP)—The German high command issued the following communique today:

"In the night of December 20 combat plane units effectively attacked war-essential targets in London. During the day also fighting planes bombed London. An armament factory at Chelmsford was badly hit. Air reconnaissance extended over the entire islands as far as the Shetlands."

"Last night strong combat formations raided the port and industrial facilities at Liverpool with thousands of explosives and incendiaries, besides attacking other war-essential objectives in southern and central England. Numerous conflagrations and many smaller fires and tremendous explosions were observed by the crews, thus conforming the effect of the raid."

#### Ruhr, Invasion Ports Bombed By R.A.F.

## Berlin Air Engine Plant Blasted

LONDON (CP)—Royal Air Force bombers touched off "many explosions and fires" in a Berlin airplane engine factory last night, struck damaging blows at the industrial Ruhr and "invasion ports" and attacked Nazi gun positions along the English Channel, the Ministry of Information announced today.

The ministry said the R.A.F. employing large forces of the bombers in "successful and extensive operations," scored hits on the Berlin engine factory and "other parts of the target area" and that the fires which resulted

were "stimulated" by a subsequent attack which also started new blazes.

In operations by the coastal command yesterday, a "direct hit" was registered on a German supply ship.

**Gun Positions Under Assault**

The Air Ministry said in its communique on the widespread air activity:

"Yesterday aircraft of the coastal command made another

attack on airdromes and harbors in enemy-occupied territory. Gun positions near Cap Gris Nez were attacked and a military building nearby was demolished."

"In the attacks on invasion ports, particularly good results were observed at Ostend, Antwerp and Le Havre. Flushing, Boulogne and the docks at Amsterdam were also bombed during the night."

"No losses were suffered by the large forces of aircraft engaged in these successful and extensive operations."

**Nazis Admit Berlin Suffers From Bombs**

BERLIN (AP)—The German high command acknowledged today that British warplanes had attacked Berlin during the night and dropped incendiary bombs which started a number of fires in the suburbs. The attack, the Germans claimed, "was exclusively directed against non-military targets."

The communique said: "British planes last night attacked Berlin. On the first approach of the enemy planes they

were hindered by anti-aircraft fire from reaching the city. Incendiaries were dropped on Berlin suburbs. Small fires were started but were soon quenched."

"Later, several enemy planes flew over the centre of the city and dropped a number of explosive and incendiary bombs, particularly in the east, resulting in slight damage to the populace and some damage to buildings. In Berlin the Protestant cathedral also was damaged. There were no military or war vital damages."

"To date, six dead and 17 wounded have been reported."

#### British Bomb Brindisi, Dodecanese

## Greeks Capture 2 Italian Battalions

ATHENS (AP)—British bombers based on Greek soil carried out "successful night attacks" on oil tanks and railways at Brindisi, Italy, across the Adriatic Strait of Otranto, a Royal Air Force communique announced today.

"Poor visibility and intense anti-aircraft fire made observation difficult," said the communique, "but all bombs exploded in the target area. Large fires were started and subsequently there were several explosions."

**Greeks Capture Colonel, 2 Battalions**

While the R.A.F. reported this and other assaults to support the Greek offensive into Italian-held Albania, dispatches from the front said Greek forces had captured an Italian colonel and two battalions in fierce fighting around Tepelehi.

Greek infantrymen, battling cold and a stubborn Fascist force, were said to have occupied two villages and two strategically important heights in the Tepelehi area.

**Road Junction, Airfield Bombed**

British air force headquarters described widespread operations as follows:

"Royal Air Force bomber aircraft attacked Berka yesterday, bombs falling close to the road junction and also within the boundaries of the airdrome."

"Gladiator fighters on patrol in the Tepelehi area intercepted and engaged a formation of enemy bombers. One is believed to have been shot down. One of our pilots descended by parachute when his aircraft burst into flames."

"From all operations all our

aircraft and crews, with the exception of the fighter already mentioned, returned safely."

**Dodecanese Towns Bombed by British**

(In London today the Admiralty announced today that the fleet air arm had attacked Rhodes, Stampalia and Scarpanto. The communique said fires were seen to have been started in the three places in the Italian Dodecanese Islands, off the Turkish coast, but added that weather conditions made observation of bombing results difficult. All the British planes returned safely.)

"During the night of December 15-16 Greek destroyers made a reconnaissance of the Adriatic going to the island of Saseno without encountering any signs of the enemy."

Air Vice-Marshal John Henry

D'Alema, commander of the Royal Air Force in Greece, told correspondents today the R.A.F. had destroyed 39 Italian aircraft since the Italian-Greek hostilities began eight weeks ago, and had probably destroyed 12 others. One British fighter pilot was killed and one is missing.

Bombing planes in 70 raids had dropped 120 tons of bombs, he said. Nine of the planes were lost.

**Italians Claim Attacks Repulsed**

ROME (AP)—A communique today from the Italian high command said:

"On the Greek front attempted enemy attacks were repulsed everywhere. A raid by our forces gave us possession of an important position."

(There was nothing from Greece to substantiate Italian claims.)

"Air detachments carried out continuous effective actions in co-operation with the troops. A formation of bombers, dive bombers and fighter planes hit troop concentrations, highway junctions and military works in all sectors involved in actions under way. Two large sail boats were sunk in the Corfu Canal."

"Two Gloster (British) planes were shot down in repeated violent fighting. One of our planes failed to return."

"Our naval units bombarded enemy positions along the Ionian coast (of Greece) effectively, hitting pre-established targets."

"There was artillery activity in East Africa."

"One of our air formations made a night raid on Aden, bombing the airport from a low altitude. Other formations bombed enemy defence works in the Metemma zone, starting large fires."

#### Bombs Near Dublin

By GUY RHOADES

Some German air crew, apparently thinking to unload its bombs and escape, threw a stick across Dun Laoghaire last night, apparently during a heavy raid on Liverpool.

Dun Laoghaire is 118 miles from Liverpool, is lighted and is only a seven-mile street car ride from brilliantly-lighted Dublin, so any bombing of the beautiful little port could result from nothing but stupidity or intent.

Dun Laoghaire, the port of Dublin which lies close to the towering blue hills of Howth, is in the terminus of a ferry service between Holyhead, Wales, operated by the Southern Railway of Britain. It has a fine harbor, protected by an extensive stone breakwater, wide streets and beautiful homes.

#### IRISH WATCHED

The passage between Holyhead and Dun Laoghaire in peacetime took about two and a half hours. An extra half-hour was added after the war broke out, due to a bit of wobbling designed to confuse submarine torpedo aimers if such should be about.

When one crawled from one's bunk (there was no hurry) in the morning and stepped ashore on the quay one could always notice that the Irish passengers' baggage was scrutinized with the customs department's utmost care, whereas a person with a British or Canadian (and possibly some other) passport would escape with the most cursory examination.

#### NEAR PRISON

Joe Dennigan, Canadian Press correspondent and news editor of the Irish Press in Dublin, always said he hated to go through Dun

Laoghaire. "If you speak with a foreign accent," he used to say, "you are all right, but if you're Irish you're considered a smuggler."

Dun Laoghaire is not far from the prison in Phoenix Park, where Joe was locked up one time for springing a confidential story and subsequently refusing to disclose the source of his information.

The imprisonment of Joe was embarrassing for Premier Eamon de Valera, because de Valera owns the paper for which Joe works, and the newspaper lads in Dublin decided to make a cause celebre out of the situation. Joe was sent down for contempt of a special tribunal designed to ferret out dangerous Irish Republican Army men. There was nothing Mr. de Valera could do and Joe was in for 30 days before he was purged of contempt.

#### SPRINGERS-TO-ARMS

"They showed me the grossest favoritism," he told me a little more than a year ago. "It was a hell of a cold winter and they made me a stoker in the boiler room."

This blathering has perhaps little to do with the war, but one becomes extremely annoyed when stupid or vicious persons toss sticks of bombs over places one likes.

A lot of good, tough Irishmen will join the British army just for that—and Eire need not declare war on Germany to let them.

#### Wins Home Lighting Contest



The colorfully-decorated home of Alderman W. H. Leggett, 2001 Beach Drive. Third was C. H. Shanks, 1017 St. Patrick Street, and fourth, Archie W. Smith, 3392 Connorton Lane, Saanich. Winner of section two in the display division was the home of J. Norris, 2909 Richmond Avenue. Mrs.

Wm. Dealey's home, 228 Obed Avenue, was second. Winner of the juvenile's porch and door decoration section was Miss P. Allan, 1008 Deal Street. Prizes will be presented at the Chamber of Commerce office, Arcade Building, Monday.

#### 5,000 British Raids On Axis Territory

NEW YORK (AP)—The British air force has made nearly 5,000 raids on Germany and Italy

and Axis-occupied territory in the last eight months, the British radio station said today in a broadcast heard here by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

"The Italians have felt the weight of almost 1,000 attacks against targets in Italy, Italian

East Africa, Libya and the Dodecanese Islands," the British Broadcasting Corporation said. "Each of the industrial centres of Turin, Naples and Milan have been badly damaged."

It said almost 4,000 raids have been made on Germany and German-occupied territory.

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**Duce Failure Worries Nazis**  
By PRESTON GROVER  
BERLIN (AP)—Enough evidence of concern over stumbling Italian military operations in Greece and Africa appear here to give some support to widely heard reports that Germany has decided to place a crutch under her ailing ally.

Any news of actual military plans could not be reported even if known. But occasional chuckles once heard over Italian reverses in Greece were reported in strictly private quarters to have disappeared since the British fleet air arm launched its smashing attack on the Italian navy at Taranto and British forces compelled a precipitous withdrawal of Fascist forces in North Africa.

#### ONLY INCIDENTS

(An informed Rome source confirmed a report that German transport planes are carrying Italian troops to Albania and said Italian-flown German dive bombers are in Italian service.)

For the past several days various Berlin papers have carried leading articles emphasizing that the Italian reverses merely are casual incidents in the course of a war which has gone in favor of the Reich.

With the possible view to drawing attention away from Italian reverses, Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter claimed that after all the war was going to be won in the zone of the British Isles and not elsewhere.

From time to time before previous campaigns were launched just such "leads" were put out by Berlin papers. For instance, immediately prior to the launching of the air attacks against Britain, the Berlin papers were hammering home how vitally Britain would be hit if Germany would choose such a time to cut the Empire lifeline through the Mediterranean.

Is this new emphasis in the direction of Britain—heightened by sea and air attacks against shipping—such a "lead" as might presage operations in one of several other probable directions which might have the immediate effect of bolstering the Italian ally? This is the question observers are asking?

**Cabinet Changes Forced in Japan**  
TOKYO (AP)—Premier Fumimaro Konoye appointed new Japanese ministers of justice and home affairs today in an unexpected action which observers believed was brought about largely by the Japanese people's increasing uneasiness over their government's military alliance with Italy and Germany.

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## WIDER SHARING OF ADVANTAGES

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill was disclosed today to have pledged that when the war is over there will be a wider sharing of advantages and privileges. The promise was made at Harrow School, where Mr. Churchill spoke Wednesday.

The Prime Minister quoted Hitler as saying December 10 that "Eton College and the Hitler schools are two different worlds." Mr. Churchill said Hitler had "overlooked the vast majority of the youth of this country who have never had the advantage of attending such schools as Eton and Harrow, but who by their skill and prowess have won the admiration of the whole world."

"When this war is won, as it surely will be, it must be one of our aims to establish a state of society where the advantages and privileges which hitherto have been enjoyed by only the few shall be far more widely shared by the men and youth of the nation as a whole."

Mr. Churchill, who attended Harrow in 1888, joined in singing school songs such as "The Wonderful Giants of Old," after which the Prime Minister asked:

"Could anyone doubt that this generation is as good and as noble as any the nation has ever produced, and that its men and women could stand up against all tests?"

"Could anyone doubt that this generation is in every way capable of carrying on the traditions of the nation and handing down its love of justice and liberty?"

## Groups Disbanded

DAMASCUS (AP)—The Petain-appointed High Commissioner of Syria has decreed the dissolution of all organizations of ex-service men, war veterans, war-mutilated and war orphans throughout the mandated territory.



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## People in the News

### Warship for Leahy

President Roosevelt disclosed in Washington he is sending another personal message to Marshal Petain by Admiral Wm. D. Leahy, new United States ambassador to France, in an apparent effort to encourage an independent policy by the Vichy government in its relations with the Axis.

The President said this message, the second from him to the aged chief of the French state in recent months, commended Leahy as an old friend of the President and who, in navy parlance, spoke the same language as Petain.

The blunt, plain-speaking admiral, who once created a diplomatic incident by calling Russian people "virtually slaves," is expected to use his characteristic frankness in interpreting American policy to Petain.

Admiral Leahy, with his wife, will sail for his new post Monday from Norfolk, Va., on the United States cruiser Tuscaloosa, which will take them as far as Lisbon, Portugal.

The assignment of a warship to speed the admiral across the Atlantic, the President's personal message to Petain and other factors combined to show the administration's interest in Petain's difficult task of ruling conquered France.

Admiral Leahy, who will be able to converse with Petain in French, is expected to talk as one military man to another in discussing the problems of Franco-American relations.

### Bring Canada In

Edgar Granville, National Liberal, suggested in the British House of Commons today the creation of a joint American-Canadian industrial board to speed up war material to Britain.

He asserted the difficulties involved in sending raw materials and equipment to Canada for assembly and the subsequent shipment of the finished article to Britain made it worthwhile to get the United States to supply materials to Canada as part of a joint war industrial production effort.

With the United States and Canada working with Britain on a joint production basis, he said, Britain could get more planes from the North-American continent.

### Eyes Christmas Bonuses

Finance Minister Isley said in Ottawa that firms paying abnormal Christmas bonuses and deducting them from tax returns may have their deductions reduced by the taxing authority, according to provisions of the Excess Profits Tax Act.

The same is true in the case of tax-paying companies abnormally enlarging payrolls or spending extra large sums on advertising, promotion or similar endeavors as a means of reducing the residue of profits.

### No German, She

Princess Stephanie von Hohenlohe, who has been ordered to get out of the country by Saturday midnight, is not a German citizen and, therefore, has no official interest in her case, German consul-general Fritz Wiedemann said in San Francisco today.

The United States government has ordered her to leave because it regards her intimate associations with the Nazis to be inimical to American interests.

The Hungarian princess has kept herself in seclusion in San Francisco since issuance of the order Tuesday and her whereabouts has not been made public, either by Capt. Wiedemann or U.S. officials who served papers on her in his presence.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has tersely announced it will be on hand to make sure she leaves, declined to discuss her departure.

### Wants U.S. Bombers

Eugene J. Houdry, French-born industrialist, president and founder of the pro-De Gaulle France Forever organization in the United States, urged in New York creation by the United States of a vast bombing fleet for Britain, to carry out night raids in Germany. He said:

"People of America, you have in your hands the weapons to assure liberty, not only for yourself, but for the whole world. These weapons are mass production of planes and petroleum and no dictator or group of dictators can oppose your weapons because those dictators lack your petroleum power which added to the British petroleum power represents six or seven times the petroleum power of the remainder of the world against Hitler as he is today—your petroleum power is of the order of 50 to 1."

"Great Britain," he said, "should be able to keep in the air at least 3,000 airplanes a day next summer; and that is why we say that, next summer, Hitler will start to feel the stress of defeat from the air."

### Juliana Goes Shopping

Princess Juliana of the Netherlands arrived in New York for Washington for a three-day stay, went shopping along New York's Fifth Avenue, but searched in vain for a child's woolen dress with long sleeves.

She said: "I am very happy to be here. I have always wished to come." An automobile sped her to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The Princess wore a black frock, black halo hat with a veil and a brown fur coat. Her only jewelry was a gold bracelet and a ring. She wore no make-up.

### Isolationism Going

Frederick Alexander, professor of modern history at the University of Australia, Perth, said in Edmonton, public opinion in the United States in the past year has swung from rigid isolationism to a yearning for use of British bases in the western Pacific, adding "America's interest in the Pacific is increasing daily."

"There is every indication that co-operation between the United States and Australia will continue and increase rapidly in economic spheres after the war," he said.

Accompanied by Mrs. Alexander and their two children, he is en route to Victoria, bound for Australia.

### Sees Great Oligarchy

U.S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler said in San Francisco, the adoption of President Roosevelt's plan for lending war materials to Great Britain would be the first step toward making the United States "the greatest military oligarchy the world has ever known."

"If we are to start on a program of loaning guns, boats, aircraft and munitions to every nation that gets into war with another nation, we'll be entering every war that starts, whether it be in Africa, South America or Asia," Wheeler said.

He criticized what he termed a new effort of the President and his advisers to get around the Johnson Act, criticizing high government officials for what he called law violations in the present situation.

"The proposal by the President to loan materials, guns, shells, boats and bombers to one of the belligerents—to England—with the idea of ever having it repaired or replaced after the war, and to expect the American people to believe it, is to assume that they have the minds of 10-year-old children."

### 'Short of Nothing'

Dr. William Jay Schieffelin, president of the Citizens Union of the City of New York, said the United States should "discard that slogan 'short of war,'" and declared "we must stop Hitler, short of nothing."

Emphasizing that he spoke "only for myself," Schieffelin declared that "short of war" was "a cowardly slogan, encouraging Hitler and Japan, saying we will not stand up like men and fight even if our national safety and our most cherished beliefs are threatened."

"We in the United States," he said, "are partly responsible for this war; we were guilty of national irresponsibility; we chose isolation; we kept aloof from the League of Nations and the world court. We have left undone the things we ought to have done."

### Greetings From Pope

Pope Pius expects to extend Christmas greetings to war prisoners in various countries by mailing his photograph, sacred images and special apostolic benedictions. The Pope also has decided to send money to his representatives to purchase small gifts of clothing and other necessities for the prisoners, they said.

### Service Corps Member Is Sergeant's Bride

EDMONTON (CP)—Setting a precedent in Canada, as participants in the first completely military wedding, Sgt. Villa Jean Conn of the Alberta Women's Service Corps, and Sgt. Charles Tyrrell of the Edmonton Fusiliers, pledged marriage vows here last night. The bridal couple wore their service uniforms.

The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Frederick J. Conn, and the late Mr. Conn, Edmonton, and holds the rank of quartermaster-sergeant of A Company of the A.W.S.C. Sgt. Tyrrell is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tyrrell, Medicine Hat.

Twelve noncommissioned officers of the women's corps acted as guard of honor as the bridal couple left the church.

Following the marriage ceremony, the couple left for Medicine Hat, where they will spend their honeymoon. Later they will make their home in Edmonton.

Canada has invested \$35,000,000 in new chemical plants.

## EX-NAZI URGES U.S. EXPEL ALL NAZIS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Egon L. F. Hanfstaengl, son of Ernest F. S. (Putzi) Hanfstaengl, who once was a friend of Hitler, said here that the United States should expel all Nazi officials from this country.

Young Hanfstaengl, who spent several years in German youth camps, told the foreign relations club of Harvard that he believed the fifth column was a real menace in the United States.

"It is time they (Americans) woke up to the urgency of the times," declared the young Harvard student, whose father, a former high Nazi official, is in a Canadian internment camp.

"I do not think the explosions in American powder plants are mere coincidences," he added.

"Certainly these bomb movements all over the country and the over-enlarged consular staffs are not accidents..."

## Foreign Secretary To Be Envoy?

LONDON (CP)—The Press Association's parliamentary correspondent said today that Viscount Halifax now is regarded as the most likely choice for the British ambassadorship in Washington.

An official announcement is expected shortly, he said.

The London Daily Mail said Lord Halifax name already had been submitted to President Roosevelt for approval as the successor to the late Marquess of Lothian.



VISCOUNT HALIFAX

Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary under both the late Neville Chamberlain and Winston Churchill, will be succeeded in that post by War Secretary Anthony Eden, the paper reported.

Lord Halifax has been repeatedly attacked in some sections of the press for his handling of the Foreign Office, partly because of his coolness toward Soviet Russia and partly because of his participation in the "peace" of Munich.

Cabinet changes involved in the Halifax nomination, according to the Daily Mail, would include a post as yet undesignated for David Lloyd George, first Great War Prime Minister.

His specific job, it was added, would be to spur the war effort at home.

## HIGHWAY DEATH CHARGE DISMISSED

OTTAWA (CP)—Refusal of the Alberta courts to convict Harry Wilmot of Calgary for manslaughter in connection with the death of Charles Wesley Stout in May, 1939, has been upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada.

The case, considered an important one in connection with the law relating to deaths on highways, came to the court by way of an appeal of the Crown from a judgment which found Wilmot guilty of driving to the public danger but not guilty of manslaughter. The court dismissed the Crown's appeal.

Evidence was to the effect Wilmot was under the influence of liquor at the time and that his car was slightly over the middle line of the road on the wrong side but practically at a standstill. Stout, according to the evidence, was coming down the Albert Park hill on his bicycle while Wilmot was proceeding up the hill. Stout wavered and crashed into Wilmot's car, receiving fatal injuries.

On appeal the Crown contended that as the judge found Wilmot was driving while under the influence of liquor and a death occurred, he should be found guilty of manslaughter irrespective of negligence or the degree of negligence.

## Ralston Uses Wheelchair; Takes to Crutches

LONDON (CP)—Despite a painful attack of sciatica, which for some time forced him to use a wheelchair, Hon. J. L. Ralston, Canadian Minister of National Defence, today continued the busy round of conferences which are arming him with intimate knowledge of Britain's broad war plans.

It is understood he revisited the War Office today, where earlier in the week he had conferred with War Secretary Anthony Eden for more than two hours.

The minister's sciatic nerve went out of kilter during the trans-Atlantic crossing, but after a few days' rest at one of Canada's military hospitals, which he entered on his arrival, he shouldered the ailment aside and insisted on getting on with the job.

An audience with the King was an early event on his exacting program and it is understood he paid the palace call in the wheelchair. As the attack lessened in severity, Col. Ralston, always noted for the vigor with which he carries out his duties, called for crutches and hobbled through the schedule which he set for himself.

### EXAMPLE SET

The London News today, congratulated the Canadian minister for showing that he "can take it," and aimed a sarcastic thrust at British procrastinators by commenting that "Whitehall is thinking that sciatica, though painful, might be good for one or two people if it would speed up their output."

Pointing out that social functions often are a waste of time for visiting Dominion officials, the News suggested that "Col. Ralston had good alibi in his sciatica." It is a fact that he has attended only one government luncheon.

Christmas week will not be a holiday for the minister. Tentative plans call for visits to four different sections of the Canadian army camp next week. It is expected he will have Christmas dinner with officers of an infantry battalion from his native Nova Scotia.

## MANY MILITARY USES FOR WOOD

WASHINGTON (AP)—Should the need arise, United States chemists could match Germans in turning wood into such essential products as motor fuel, edible sugars and synthetic "wool" and "cotton," a forestry authority declared.

C. E. Winslow, director of the Forest Products Laboratory of the U.S. Forest Service at Madison, Wis., discussed the defence value of a bountiful supply of forest products in a speech at the annual meeting of the Society of American Foresters.

He said Field Marshal Hermann Goering had placed wood second in the list of Germany's necessities of war.

Cantonnments, pontoons, shipping containers for explosives, air raid shutters, charcoal for gas masks, resin for shrapnel filling, and plywood for trainer airplanes were listed by Winslow as only a few of many military uses of wood.

## All Nazis' Attention Directed to U.S.

BERLIN (AP)—A German foreign office representative asserted at a press conference today that the question of continued peaceable relations between Germany and the United States hangs in the balance as the Nazi government awaits reaction to the Cross shipping proposal.

(Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, said yesterday in London that the assignment of "a certain number of enemy ships in the United States" and addition of United States ships to the British service "are the only ways I can see for replenishment of any consequence.")

"The entire attention of the German government is centred on American reaction to the Cross proposal," the spokesman asserted.

## Germans Claim Restraint Shown

"That proposal is nothing other than inciting America to commit a warlike act," he said. "I speak with tremendous earnestness in my capacity as your official informant and spokesman."

"Our interest is extraordinary, because in an increasing manner one nation (meaning Germany) has shown restraint to the point of self-effacement, while on the other side there has been a systematic policy of pin-pricks, challenges, humiliations and even moral aggression."

## With the Forces

### Christmas Plans For 3 Services

Sailors, soldiers and airmen stationed in Canada or on duty in the waters and islands nearby will observe Christmas Day in traditional style with bumper meals, entertainment and exchange of greetings and good wishes.

The war must go on and there will be no slackening of essential work but consistent with duties the boys will enjoy plenty of turkey and other good things.

With minor variations the Christmas dinner served at all naval, military and air stations, barracks and training centres across the country and aboard ship, will be the same. The exact details will, of course, be worked out by quartermasters and other officers on the spot, having regard to available supplies.

Sailors on ships at sea which have not been in port recently, for instance, may go without turkey but in its place they will eat the best meat the ship's larder can provide. Bad weather on Christmas Day or the presence of an enemy ship may also curtail the eating of men afloat. Even the toughest sailor cannot do justice to a turkey dinner aboard a light destroyer which is tossing on 20-foot-high waves—and vigilance never can be relaxed in the danger area.

### EXTRA RUM

The navy Christmas celebration calls for the issue of an extra tot of rum to all hands.

The tradition of the senior service calls for the officer commanding and other officers to visit all messes aboard ship, take a sip with the men and wish them the compliments of the season.

Army training centres and duty stations will be somewhat lightly manned owing to the order recently promulgated granting six days' Christmas leave. Generally speaking, half the soldiers at each establishment will be away on leave for Christmas and the other half for New Year's.

The air force, youngest of the three fighting services, is busy with the training of thousands of pilots, observers, and air gunners under the British Commonwealth air training plan and no special Christmas leaves are being granted to its members.

While fewer airmen will get home for Christmas than army or navy men there will be no less gaiety in airmen's quarters than in those of the soldiers and sailors.

The air force has its own way of celebrating Christmas. On that day the officers serve the men at table. Air force custom requires the commanding officer and officers at an air station to go to the sergeants' mess on Christmas Day. There they accept a drink and then proceed to the airmen's mess, where the officer commanding carves the turkey and the commissioned officers serve the men at their tables.

Then the officers return to their own mess for their dinner.

### Islanders Get Wings

SASKATOON, Sask. (CP)—In a simple but impressive ceremony a group of pilot graduates of the No. 4 service flying training school received their wings yesterday from group Capt. A. Duncan Bell-Irving, officer commanding the school.

Group Capt. Bell-Irving is himself a distinguished pilot of the first Great War, and following the ceremony, he called the group of graduates together and told them of the great traditions of the service and the importance of the job ahead of them.

The graduates included: B. Boe, A. C. Coles, P. Kennedy, Allen, R. W. McRae, M. J. Belanger, E. H. Burton, L. H. Spencer, E. P. Flesherman and C. P. Shannon, all of Vancouver.

E. W. Blenkinsop of Victoria, grandson of Capt. C. D. Nerout-Gore, G. F. Mackie of Vernon, M. McGuire of Duncan, B.C.; J. Grant of Cumberland, J. O. Thorne of Westholme, D. A. Milloy of Keremeos, G. C. Lancaster of Revelstoke, W. W. Strachan of Trail, W. L. Murr of Fort Langley, W. W. Southam of Langley Prairie, and L. F. Hinkley of Summerland.

### Medical Changes

OTTAWA (CP)—Lieut.-Col. H. K. Groff of Edmonton, president of the permanent military medical board of Edmonton garrison, military district No. 13, has been appointed assistant director of medical services with the Canadian (active) army in Newfoundland, national defence headquarters announced last night.

Lieut.-Col. W. A. Jones of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, Kingston, Ont., physician who has been consultant radiologist in the directorate of medical services at national defence headquarters since September last year, has been appointed district medical officer for military district No. 6, Halifax.

Lieut.-Col. J. V. A. Cavanagh,

who vacates the post of district medical officer for military district No. 6, has been appointed district medical officer for military district No. 3, Kingston. At present Lieut.-Col. Courtenay of Ottawa is acting D.M.O. at Kingston, since appointment of Lieut.-Col. G. Allison to the directorate of medical services at national defence headquarters.

### Succeeds Foster

OTTAWA (CP)—Lt. Col. E. A. Deacon of Crystal City, Man., has been promoted to rank of colonel and appointed director of auxiliary services, succeeding Brig. W. W. Foster of Vancouver, who now is district officer commanding in Military District No. 12 at Regina.

Col. Deacon has been associated with the organization of auxiliary services since foundation of this branch of the adjutant-general's department and recently has been deputy director.

In the last war Col. Deacon served with the 106th Regiment, first as a lieutenant and subsequently as a major. He served in France for 18 months. He has been prominently connected with the Canadian Legion.

### Jap Navy Budget Up

TOKIO (AP)—The newspaper Asahi today reported the navy budget for the 1941 fiscal year totals about \$300,000,000, an advance of \$50,000,000 over the current year.



### HAS COMMERCIAL LICENSE

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## Brutal Nazi Rules Enforced in Poland

LONDON (CP)—The Polish government has accused Germany of "brutal" violation of international law in new Nazi regulations which declare certain Poles to be "non-Polish," although they are of Polish origin.

This attempt to denationalize nationals by legislation was described in a statement by the government as directed "towards destruction of the Polish nation."

All measures of the German government against the Poles since the outbreak of war, said the statement, "constitute a long chain of physical and moral violence." It said the new German decree defining who was to be regarded as a Pole in territories incorporated into the Reich "recognized as non-Polish all the mass of Polish citizens inhabiting Silesia, Pomorze and Gdansk, even though... they are of Polish origin."

The statement condemned another regulation affecting the so-called "general government" established by the Nazis because it "brutally tramples on international right." This regulation imposes on all engaged in public service "not only an obligation to fulfill duties faithfully and conscientiously in obedience to the German administration, but in addition the obligation not to regard themselves as bound by any oath of allegiance to the Polish state or its organs."

### Senator Williams Dies

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—State Senator Robert Williams Daniel, 56, financier-sportsman, and owner of historic Brandon-on-the-James, Virginia show place, died in a Richmond hospital last night.

His great-grandfather, Peter V. Daniel, was an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, and his great-great-grandfather, Edmund Randolph, was the first Attorney-General of the United States and Secretary of State.

### R.C.A.F. Man Fined

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP)—Aircraftman F. J. Tullock of the Royal Canadian Air Force at Regina, who allegedly made statements intended to or likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty, was convicted in Royal Canadian Mounted Police Court yesterday on a charge under the Defence of Canada Regulations.



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## Telling the United States

ANGLO-AMERICAN DISCUSSION OVER United States assistance to Great Britain, in the matter of out-and-out war materials and now in respect of merchant shipping, has stirred the hierarchy in Berlin to the point of authorizing a Foreign Office representative from the Wilhelmstrasse to tell the United States and foreign press generally just what is running through the official Nazi mind. Bluntly put, the duly-accredited spokesman announced to newspapermen in Berlin today that the question of continued peaceable relations between Germany and the United States hangs in the balance as the Fuehrer and his satellites await the reaction to the remarks to which Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, gave expression in London yesterday.

That portion of the British minister's observations which seems to have penetrated the Hitlerian hide is the suggestion that the assignment of "a certain number of enemy ships in the United States" and the addition of American vessels to the British service "are the only ways I can see for replenishment of any consequence." While the government in Berlin awaits, however, the Nazi spokesman informed the assembled journalists that the plan Mr. Cross announced "is nothing other than inciting America to commit a warlike act" which imparts "extraordinary" interest to the German point of view; and more especially so because "in an increasing manner one nation (meaning the Reich) has shown restraint to the point of self-effacement, while on the other side, there has been a systematic policy of pin-pricks, challenges, humiliations and even moral aggression." To round off this newly-acquired "holier-than-thou" conception of what our neighbor on the south should or should not do—presumably in recognition of such commendable humility of outlook as described by the German Foreign Office minion—the press conference heard the gentle hint that it is "unbearable for Germany to let things drift further . . . as though actions contemplated did not fall within the scope of practices defined by international law."

Washington has not told the world what impression the statement of Mr. Cross has made on the official mind of the United States. It obviously has raised certain important questions of international law; but it likewise lent new emphasis to a situation which evidently will not wait on all the legalistic proprieties, in the ignoring of which, as in the last war, Germany has maintained her traditional reputation. Nor would it be any compliment to the intelligence of the Nazi spokesman to suppose that he really believes the veiled threats with which he was authorized to punctuate his remarks would be endowed with undue significance by either President Roosevelt or Secretary of State Cordell Hull. And when he referred to Berlin's "self-effacement" and contrasted it with Washington's "moral aggression" he merely gave play to the familiar technique for which the Herr Doktor Goebbels has become infamous—and probably evoked a laugh.

## Petain Firmer?

REPORTS FROM VICHY TODAY intimate that Marshal Petain does not propose to make any further changes in his cabinet, that he has no intention of restoring Pierre Laval to ministerial rank, and that the removal of the vice-premier and Foreign Secretary was dictated by loss of confidence in him and disapproval of his methods of working; it had nothing to do with the policy of Franco-German "collaboration." The aged soldier-statesman and his colleagues are now awaiting German reaction to the "explanation" and announcement of purported future policy.

This development takes on more significance when placed side by side with the report that General Auguste Nogues, governor of France's north African colonies, has arrived in Vichy to consult with Marshal Petain and to convey to him personally the views on present conditions held by General Maxime Weygand, former Generalissimo of the allied armies and now in charge of a vast colonial French army on the south shores of the Mediterranean. The relationship of these events, if any, of course, is a matter of supreme importance to Great Britain and to the conflicts in Albania and Libya. If the circumstances are as the dispatches record, moreover, a further showdown between Vichy and Berlin would appear to be imminent.

## Dominion Finance

SOME IDEA OF THE GROWTH FROM month to month of Canada's war expenditures is obtained from a comparison of the amount spent in October—the latest period for which official statistics are available—with that spent in September. These jumped from \$66,700,000 to \$81,700,000, the latter figure revealing a war expenditure amounting to 64 per cent of the total outlay of the government, and 136 per cent of the total revenue.

For the first seven months of the present fiscal year beginning April 1, total revenues of the government aggregated \$443,000,000

as compared with \$313,000,000 during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Expenditures rose from \$311,500,000 last year to \$569,000,000 this year. Ordinary expenditures of the government for the first seven months of the present fiscal year aggregated \$210,000,000, as compared with \$206,000,000 during the corresponding period a year ago. On the other hand, defence and war expenditures aggregated \$321,000,000 as compared with \$34,000,000 a year ago. All other extraordinary expenditures of the government, however, such as relief and government enterprise, showed a material decline.

The deficit for the first seven months of the present fiscal year, therefore, amounted to \$126,000,000, as compared with a surplus of approximately \$2,000,000 during the corresponding period a year ago. This deficit is being financed at the present time through loans. Later on, however, in order to prevent a too rapid increase in the public debt of the Dominion, it is almost certain that the tax burden will be increased—a compelling argument in support of rigid economy in all nonessentials.

## The Answer Is No

LIFE MAGAZINE IN ITS CURRENT issue discusses famine prospects in countries conquered and enslaved by the Nazi war machine and suggests that "Americans face a terrible decision" as they ponder arguments for and against action to persuade Britain to ease the naval blockade. The periodical's article is replete with illustrations of suffering Russian children in 1921 and 1922, of British prisoners released in Germany in 1918, scenes in German-occupied territory, one showing Danish cattle being loaded on a ship for transfer to the Reich—with the notation that "Germans have looted food from all the countries they have conquered." This caption would seem to furnish an adequate reply to Life's contention that "the argument that food sent into conquered countries would only be looted by Germany can be readily dismissed." The popular weekly cites the following points advanced for and against sending food to conquered peoples:

1. Food would win gratitude to the U.S. and Britain, help keep up faith in democracy.
2. Withholding of food would make the conquered peoples hate the U.S. and Britain, dispose them to accept Nazism.
3. American supervisors of food distribution would be a potent army of missionaries for the U.S. and democracy.
4. Famine-born plagues might leap the English Channel and the Atlantic Ocean.
5. A generation of Europeans stunted, debilitated and embittered by hunger would be a long-lasting source of future trouble.

AGAINST  
1. Feeding conquered peoples would enable them to keep on working and producing for Germany.  
2. Without U.S. food, hunger would drive them to riots and sabotage.  
3. Freed from necessity of feeding her conquered subjects, Germany could preserve her own food supplies not only for eating but also for the manufacture of explosives and airplane plastics.

In a war such as that which Germany worked for, which the march of events proves she intended to prosecute without the least regard for international law or the human and material havoc she knew her program would inflict, many "terrible decisions" have had to be reached by the statesmen and people of countries which the Nazi war machine has ravished. But perhaps the best answer to Life's portrayal of an unhappy prospect for many thousands of innocent folk is contained in several pages of the same issue. These illustrate in intimate detail the indiscriminate destruction which Hermann Goering's Luftwaffe let loose on Coventry last November. If "Americans face a terrible decision"—and they do under many heads—what adjective describes the nature of the decision 45,000,000 Britons would have to make on a proposal of this kind, especially in view of the fact that German propagandists have repeatedly boasted of their ample food supplies? No lifting of the blockade is the British answer—and Mr. Cordell Hull already is on record in agreement with this attitude.

## Influenza

WHILE THERE MAY BE NO REASON to be at all panicky about the visitation of influenza here or elsewhere, since it is of a very mild type, but even an incipient epidemic is always serious enough to demand the co-operation of every man, woman and child in the community. The ordinary cold may easily develop into more serious influenza, and therefore should not be regarded lightly, but immediately treated. The open air, warm clothing and shoes, exercise, and general sensible living without excesses of food or drink are all factors in helping to dodge "flu." We look to doctors and public health physicians to check these epidemics. But without co-operation from everybody their task is magnified. Now is the time to swat that sniffle.

## INVINCIBLE RACE

From New Yorker  
We have faith in the Chinese. They are invincible; we are sure of that. The other day someone sent us a preface of a book published in Shanghai called "Correctly English in Hundred Days." It goes this way: "This book is prepared for the Chinese young man who wishes to serve for the foreign firms. It divided nearly 190 pages. It contains full of ordinary speak and write language. This book is clearly, easily, to the Chinese young man or scholar. If it is quite understood, that will be satisfaction." We submit that anyone who, knowing as little English as that, goes right ahead and writes a textbook on the subject, is not only brave and unique, but belongs to an unconquerable race.

## Dorothy Thompson

### SILLIEST OF ALL

I READ A SHORT CABLE from Germany announcing that Hitler had forbidden the use of the Saxonian dialect on the ground that it made the German people seem ridiculous.

In such small ways do we gather the full implications of a totalitarian world. The Saxonians are not, by nature, soldiers and administrators, but sober folk whose lives are industrious and commercial.

Even the last King, who abdicated with the Emperor and all the kings of Germany in 1918, was a middle-class king. Although Saxony takes in about a third of pre-Hitler Germany, it has been overshadowed by Prussia ever since the rise of Bismarck's Reich. Saxonians, it is clear, are not a breed of heroes, but, alas, of Babbitts.

### STAGE TALK

THERE IS A TOLERANT myth in Germany that the Saxonians are stupid. Since this seems to be the role assigned to them, the Saxonians cultivate it shrewdly and present themselves as innocent idiots. The idiom they speak is irrepressibly funny—so funny that it is the favorite comic talk of the stage.

The reason that Saxonian has become the stage language of broad comedy lies precisely in its capacity to pull down to earth everything that is romantic, overblown, boastful, heroic.

It is very hard to pin anything on a Saxonian, because he is so "dumb." It's never clear whether he really means his irony. His "dumbness" is his excuse. His sabotage of the Great Abstractions is expressed in mere inflection—or a contempt of vowels.

### HITLER'S IDOLS

IT IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE that two of the greatest German geniuses of the 19th century—both Hitler's personal idols—were Saxonians: Nietzsche and Wagner—iconoclasts revolting from the "common people," the Babbitty atmosphere that surrounded them.

I have a hunch that Hitler's rage against Saxonian is really a rage against the Common Man, whose unheroic desire for a small, comfortable life is so stubborn and so very un-Nazi. It isn't that the Saxonian spirit is rebellious. It is just infuriatingly un-martial and skeptical.

The Horst Wessel Lied in Saxonian must sound atrociously flat; and a Saxonian singing the famous words "Today we own Germany, tomorrow the whole world" would brighten no one. The singers would find it silly, and the hearers funny.

### THE MASTER'S VOICE

OF COURSE, no one hears his own dialect, for no one hears his own voice, as can be proved by listening to a phonograph recording of it—a most disconcerting experience.

So Hitler has perhaps never heard his own accent. He speaks Upper Austrian, a language that in any other mouth would offend a Hanoverian ear.

The Saxonian dialect must be "co-ordinated." But it is as irrepressible as Hitler's own sturred (not flattened) vowels. It is as irrepressible as the Bostonian "a," the middle western "r," the southern vowels.

### AN IMPERIAL TONGUE

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE is Saxonian, plus Norman, plus Latin, Greek, Hindu, Arabic—a potpourri revived by American, which has taken to itself the idiom of immigrants. Its hospitality has simplified its grammar, given it the largest vocabulary and so made it a means of expression for a Blake and a Swinburne, a Shakespeare and a Mark Twain, a Swift and a Mr. Dooley, a Yeats, a Conrad, a Tagore—made it the only world language since Latin.

This way, not Hitler's, is imperial. In the transcendental sense of the word.

Hitler argues that the German language, if it cannot be pure, must never be ridiculous. But the cramped effort of man never to be ridiculous can only end in the most gargantuan and ridiculous caricature of man ever drawn.

"Wer nemals Narrisch war, er der grosse Narr," runs an Austrian song. ("He who has never been silly is the silliest of all.") But that song is pre-Hitler.

Followed to its logical conclusion, the suppression of Saxonian, spreading to Bavarian, to Austrian, to Berlinese, ends with only one man speaking. Perhaps all the rest can sing—in one of those gigantic Wagnerian choruses.

Or perhaps the rest is silence.

### PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS

Commemorating the coming of the Prince of Peace, men and women at a time like this turn naturally to ponder the full meaning of Christmas, to pray. How many of us are willing to pray in his words, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven"? How many are ready to trust God to know and do right? How many of us can refrain from instructing Him or begging Him to provide victory for their purpose or peace as they see peace? How many can pray with Jesus' understanding that the Father is wholly good and necessarily wills only good for His children.

When Christians really accept the Christ-coming and are willing to let His will be done, peace will come on earth.—The Christian Science Monitor.

### Parallel Thoughts

The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.—Psalms 22:26.

Selfish men may possess the earth: It is the meek only who inherit it from the Heavenly Father.—Woolman.

## Elmore Philpott

### YEAR OF DESTINY

I EXPECT THE coming year to be the most fateful of modern times. All indications are that 1941 will write the beginning of the last chapter of the curse of Nazism or else open the most desperate trial that civilization has yet faced.

There is no mystery about the route by which I arrive at that conclusion. If one examines the broad lines of the history of 1940 one requires no mystic gifts to see where the arrow points join. Those arrow points all converge on a showdown between Germany and Britain. While I see no hope of the end of the whole struggle in the year ahead, I see plenty of evidence to suggest that we can pass the crucial corner.

The year now closing will go down in history as one of the most fateful of all time. If we wish to realize just how fateful it was all we need to do is to look back over some old newspaper or magazine published just one year ago. Then we realize how ridiculously wrong were some of the ideas then held about the relative strength of the "democracies" on the one hand and the dictatorships on the other. Not one single commentator, of whom I have heard, accurately predicted the extent of the Nazi victories in the present year. Even less indication was there that anyone foresaw that after the complete knockout of France, Britain would emerge relatively stronger at the end of the year than she was at the beginning.

### GOOD AND BAD BALANCED

The whole sum and substance of the history of 1940 from our point of view is this: That bad and tragic as were the defeats or betrayals of Finland, Norway, Denmark, The Netherlands, Belgium and France, they were counterbalanced by other happenings which were also unforeseen, but which in the balance book of the fate of nations will prove at least equally important.

There are many of these, but three will suffice to show my meaning:

The miraculous escape of the British armies at Dunkerque, when, by all the rules of war, they should have been completely annihilated as an effective force.

The astounding way in which the people of Britain sprang to arms between June 15 and September 15 and administered to Hitler the first decisive defeat he has yet sustained, in the first battle for Britain.

The unbelievable degree of co-operation already achieved between the United States and the British Commonwealth, involving mutual defence arrangements more sweeping than any suggested in history, and "deals" put through by such devious ingenuity as almost to leave one dizzy.

### ITALIAN SIDESHOW

Neither the Italian entrance into the war, nor the spectacular defeats recently suffered by Italian armies in Albania and North Africa seem to me of much relative importance. The net effect of the Italian debacles to date is to indicate that in the not-too-distant future the ground will be cleared of all conflicting subsidiary fights—and the real battle will at last begin—that to decide whether Hitler is finally to fall as he has failed to date—in the battle for Britain.

We cannot win the war until we defeat Germany. We cannot too clearly keep that fact in mind. Knockout of the Italians in Africa or Albania may be the preliminary to something of tremendous importance—that is if the effect extends to Italy proper and enables us to get a vantage point from which we can closer draw the chains which will finally trap the Nazis. But it is too soon yet to know that will be the certain result. The visible tottering of the Fascist regime in Italy may well mean a purge staged by the more extreme elements in the Fascist Party, and the passing of the real control to Germany. If the Italian navy, air force and key ports were to pass to full Nazi control our task in the Mediterranean would be made more and more difficult.

### Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The reason why I came is that I wanted to see you."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "artist"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Manilla, vanilla, umbrella.
4. What does the word "capitulate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with pl that means "an illustration or description"?

### ANSWERS

1. When that is used, why is redundant. Say, "The reason I came is that I wanted to see you."
2. Pronounce ar-tist, a as in ah, e as in tea, accent last syllable.
3. Manilla. 4. To surrender on conditions agreed upon. "I am ashamed to think how easily we capitulate to badges and names, to large societies and dead institutions."—Emerson.
5. Elucidation.

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### SILK AND NYLON

From B.C. Financial News

During the depression American and Canadian women increased by 50 per cent their purchases of silk or silk substitute stockings. Some manufacturers can't visualize this continuing expansion of a market admittedly occasioned by low prices. Others are confident that Nylon goods will be responsible for still larger sales. They have the weight of past experience to support them. They are "liberals" of industry and their competitors are the restrictionists, the believers in "controlled" marketing, the chaps who believe that the buyers exist for the pleasure and profit of the producers, not the producers to serve the best interests of the buyers. We have seen a good deal of this same marketing conflict of theory in British Columbia. It still remains true that the greatest good of the greatest number and, in the long run, the best interests of industry are served by increasing production and lowering prices. That is what has produced our high standard of living in North America.

### CANADIAN DIVIDEND

From Winnipeg Free Press

Those who think that Canadian companies are making big profits out of the war will not find any evidence of this in the dividends paid this year. There has been a large increase in the volume of business but only a comparatively small increase in dividends.

Those paid on stocks traded on the Montreal Stock Exchange and the Montreal curb market showed an increase for September, over September, 1939, from \$22,014,000 to \$23,304,000. And the dividends paid during the first nine months of this year totaled \$171,228,000, an increase of less than \$3,000,000 over the same period last year.

The Bureau of Statistics also reports that the index of common stock prices declined from 101.1 on October 7, 1939, to 82.8 on October 5, 1940.

Gross profits are higher than before, but the government is raking them in and will rake in more of them next year.

### UNIQUE CASE

From Brantford Expositor  
The extraordinary local instance of a one-family epidemic of acute anterior poliomyelitis, commonly called infantile paralysis, in which an adult and five children have been stricken, one fatally, seems to constitute a record in Canadian medical annals.

For more than one or two members of a family to contract the disease, which is supposedly caused by a sub-microscopic virus, is unusual in the extreme.

### 'YOUTH IS ALL RIGHT'

From a Correspondent  
This is by way of expressing my deep appreciation of your editorial "Youth Is All Right." You have put into words, in a wonderfully convincing way, a feeling I have long cherished. "Youth Is All Right!"

Before coming to Victoria, circumstances brought me into contact with the younger group, and I have many warm friends among those young people. On the whole, they have faced life gallantly, and taught me many things. Sometimes they put up a bit of bluff, but it was not hard to see good stuff beneath the bluff, just waiting for the challenge.

Today, they and the still younger generation, are surely facing life and death gallantly—as youth always did, always will. There is a bit of heartache mixed with the pride when I meet the young men in uniform on the street. Their faces are all strange to me, but I glimpse in them the same courage I saw in other young faces back in 1914-18.

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## 'Victoria for Crackers'—Santa!



For toys it's Santa, of course! But, for Christmas crackers, it's Victoria! Above, Victoria girls put festive finishing touches on crackers in the plant of the Canadian Christmas Cracker Company Limited.



Here's fun for kids!—the sample display room, with every type of Christmas cracker and toy paper hat within easy reach of youthful grasp!

An absorbing hobby pursued in quiet evenings at home has expanded today into one of Victoria's most thriving industries—an industry unique in the whole of Canada.

Five years ago, Frederick V. Richardson turned his talent for mechanical engineering to the task of devising machinery with which to make Christmas crackers.

What at first was merely fun later became a serious objective. He started to sell his home-made Christmas crackers and in the first year of operations sold 500 boxes of them.

This year, the manufacturing company he founded, the Canadian Christmas Cracker Company Limited, Yates Street, has sold three-quarters of the crackers that will decorate the Christmas trees of Canada from here to Halifax.

The absorbing hobby has grown

into an industry which this year has sold 80,000 boxes, or approximately 1,000,000 individual crackers, for the Christmas and New Year's festivities of Canadians.

The manufacturing plant was founded only two years ago with machinery designed by Mr. Richardson, the general manager. It has no counterpart in Canada. Novelties in the crackers are so inserted that they can not fall out or be pushed out through inadvertence.

A year ago, R. S. Olesen joined the firm as president.

One of the machines designed by Mr. Richardson can make a maximum of 30,000 paper hats a day.

Before the present war broke out all the materials used by the plant, with the exception of paper products, were imported. Today, the firm uses only the products of Canadian industry and labor.

made for young men who can be trained in the various trades required in the army and great opportunities will exist for young men to not only serve their country in the active forces but, at the same time, to learn a trade which will be useful to them in after life.

Any man who desires to enlist may get full particulars at the recruiting office at the Bay Street Armories or by writing to the district recruiting officer at Work Point Barracks.

### Esquimalt Board In Final Session

The last meeting of the year of the Esquimalt board of school trustees was held last Thursday night when Trustees Mrs. Sarah King and Major G. Sisman gave up their seats after serving for many years.

The two trustees did not seek re-election at the municipal elections last Saturday.

Trustee Alex Lockley presided in the absence of Trustee Major A. A. Warder. The chairman spoke in appreciative terms of the retiring members, long and faithful service.

O. W. Hanson was selected to fill the janitor's position at Esquimalt High School.

It was anticipated the fiscal year would end with a financial surplus.

### 'PLAY SAFE' IS CHIEF'S ADVICE

Chief McLellan today expressed the hope every citizen, guest and member of His Majesty's Forces would have a safe and happy Christmas, but added this warning: "Do not let your Christmas party end in tragedy because a driver has been drinking."

He advises drivers not to drive if they drink and suggests to women that they refuse to ride with a driver who has been drinking.

"If you have the slightest doubt as to the extent of your celebration, leave your car at home and hire a taxi," he says.

The next two days will be strenuous ones in the city and the risk of accident will be great. The chief urges everyone to walk and drive with particular care, remembering that an accident will spoil Christmas for all involved.

"Have fun, and plenty of it, but not at the price of suffering and regret—to yourself or to your friends," says the chief in closing.

## B.C.E.R. Honors A. T. Goward

Fifty years of service with the British Columbia Electric Railway and its predecessor company in Victoria were marked at Vancouver Thursday, at a banquet given by company executives for A. T. Goward, head of the company's Victoria division and vice-president.



A. T. GOWARD

Mr. Goward, who has been the Victoria manager since 1897, was presented by W. C. Murrin, chairman at the banquet and president of the B.C.E.R., with a silver tea service and candelabra, and was praised by the company head for his many years of service.

"Fifty years in one company is very unusual," said Mr. Murrin, who went on to tell of the Victoria of the days when Mr. Goward began work there, and of the advances made since then.

Telegrams of congratulation were read at the banquet, many of them from eastern directors of the company.

Mr. Goward began work in Victoria in 1890, as a youth of 18 who had just arrived from England, with the old National Electric Tramway and Light Company. His first job was at a small power station and his fellow-employee was Henry Gibson, retired traffic superintendent, who still lives here.

In 1897, when the company was taken over by the B.C.E.R., Mr. Goward was appointed Victoria manager, a post he has since held.

Speakers at the banquet, besides Mr. Murrin, included E. H. Adams, Vancouver, vice-president and comptroller; Austin Taylor, Vancouver, director; George Kidd, Vancouver, director; J. W. Spencer, Victoria, director, and G. M. Tripp, E. N. Horsey and Everett Taylor, all of Victoria.

Victoria company officials attending the banquet, in addition to speakers, included: A. D. King, T. R. Myers, C. A. Cornwall, E. Harrison, A. Collis, A. Richardson, W. H. Dreaper and E. Hart.

### OFFERS SERVICES TO RENT BOARD

The Real Estate Board at its luncheon in Spencer's yesterday offered its services to the local rent control board on motion of H. Cuthbert Holmes.

Mr. Holmes reported on a meeting of a committee from the board comprising R. H. Shanks, Hubert Lethaby and himself, with Mr. Justice Martin, rental administrator, last Monday. The other members also added to Mr. Holmes' report.

It was emphasized that confirmation was needed from the local rent control board on any increase of rent whether the tenant was agreeable or not. The board preferred an agreement between the landlord and tenant in cases of increased rent.

Considerable discussion took place, with Mr. Shanks, J. Foreman and J. C. Bridgeman, president, principals, on the judgment handed down by Mr. Justice Fisher in Supreme Court in reducing the improvement assessment on the Stobart Building, Yates Street.

Next meeting of the board will be held January 10.

### Dancers Entertain Men of Scottish

The Second Battalion Scottish Regiment was entertained on Wednesday evening at the Parson's Bridge Camp by a group of pupils of Dorothy Cox's Dancing School, assisted by Dorothy Davies in monologues and humorous skits. The whole program was ably accompanied at the piano by Evelyn Vallant Tidbury. The program was contributed to by Irene Atkins, Beverley Cox, Garry Richardson, Dorothy Davies, Peggy Morris, Rowena Ashby (accompanied by Pipe-Major Ian Duncan), Nancy Anthony, Beryl King, Phyllis Anthony, Ena Lovick, Bernice Atkins, Juliette Reil, Gwen and Dorothy Cox.

## Water Price Ruling To Be Announced

Ruling of the Public Utilities Commission regarding the Victoria-Oak Bay water price dispute will be announced this weekend, it was learned today in government circles.

The commission has completed its report on the matter after a long investigation. Under the Public Utilities Act the commission's recommendations must go to the government for approval.

The first successful flying machine was patented by the Wright brothers on May 22, 1906.

## Give Arguments Favoring Arena

In reply to a question raised by an arena fund subscriber that pillars in the Willows Horse Show Building would spoil the building, from a spectator's viewpoint, for an ice skating rink, officials in charge of the proposal to use funds pledged in the last arena campaign to install ice-making equipment in the building, said today every second pillar

could be removed safely. Consultations were made with the architect of the building, Henry Whittaker, and building experts and it was agreed that every second pillar could be removed, leaving a 40-foot span between each.

"That certainly would make the building satisfactory for a rink from the spectator's standpoint," one committeeman said.

Another criticism of the proposal is that the building was not large enough. The ice area would be too small. The answer to this one lies in the tape measure which told officials the rink could be 177 feet long and 77 feet wide. This compared favorably with the recently constructed Nanaimo arena. The "hub-city" rink is

185 feet long and 85 feet wide. "There are many rinks in the province and other parts of Canada smaller than what the Horse Show Building could provide us," an official said and continued with further arguments in support of remodeling the Willows building into an arena.

The machinery for making ice, he said, could be removed and used when a large civic centre was constructed for skating and other sporting activities. It would be a practical move.

The Horse Show Building was central enough. It was connected with street car transportation and for the private car owner, parking facilities at the exhibition grounds were perfect. Few cities were able to have their

arenas as central as the Willows building. The project would fill a much-needed want as a recreational centre for men of the three services as well as the growing civilian population of the city, was the parting statement.

## Assistant Named

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Isley yesterday announced the appointment of Walter Lockhart Gordon of Toronto as special assistant to the deputy Minister of Finance, Dr. W. C. Clark. Mr. Gordon formerly was associated with the Foreign Exchange Control Board.



# BRITISH COLUMBIA

(Financial Position as revealed by excerpts from Budget Address delivered November 15, 1940)

## A Balanced Budget for 1940-41 After Making Full Provision for All Unemployment Relief Costs and Sinking Fund Requirements

Revenue anticipated on the basis of actual accruals to the Treasury	\$ 35,000,000.00
Ordinary expenditure	28,996,000.00
Surplus over ordinary expenditure	\$ 6,004,000.00
Unemployment Relief	\$2,800,000.00
Debt redemption provisions	3,204,000.00
	\$ 6,004,000.00

### A REDUCTION OF \$753,169.24 IN THE NET DEBT OF THE PROVINCE

Gross debt as at October 1, 1940	\$189,154,740.90
Sinking funds as at October 1, 1940	37,846,566.13
Net debt as at October 1, 1940	\$151,308,174.77
A decrease in the net debt since October 1, 1939, of	\$ 753,169.24

## Provincial Debt Maturities Amounting to \$25,046,636 Which Fall Due During 1941 Will Be Repaid Without Recourse to the Open Market

B.C. Stocks and bonds maturing in 1941	\$ 24,536,936.00
Serial debt instalments falling due	527,700.00
Total maturities during 1941	\$ 25,064,636.00
Sinking Funds specifically established for these maturities	\$20,704,116.83
Payments from current revenue, 1940-41	3,204,000.00
Payments from current revenue, Sinking fund earnings, etc., 1941-42	1,156,519.17
	\$ 25,064,636.00

## A Saving of \$1,200,000 Annually in Debt Charges by the End of 1941

### BASIC AND MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION INCREASED GREATLY

	1938	1940 (Est.)
Agriculture	\$ 47,782,000.00	\$ 57,500,000.00
Forestry	67,122,000.00	97,500,000.00
Mining	64,486,000.00	72,000,000.00
Fisheries	18,726,000.00	18,700,000.00
	\$198,116,000.00	\$245,700,000.00
Manufacturing	\$ 91,000,000.00	\$130,000,000.00

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S FINANCIAL POSITION, THEREFORE, IS ONE THAT PORTRAYS SOUND ECONOMIC POLICY AND PROSPERITY IN INDUSTRIAL ENDEAVOUR; CONDITIONS THAT ARE OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE NATION'S WAR EFFORT

# PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

HON. JOHN HART, Minister of Finance

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## More Recruits Need of Army

Recruits are being received daily from many outside points of British Columbia, in addition to those who are joining in Victoria and Vancouver, but there are still a large number of vacancies that the recruiting organization is trying to have filled as quickly as possible. Two hundred men are needed as reinforcements and replacements for various artillery, machine gun and infantry units, both for units that are located in the district and those which have left for other points in Canada.

There is a call for artillerymen to fill vacancies in field and anti-tank regiments, including: Two artificers, two motor mechanics and two cooks.

Skilled tradesmen are required to reinforce one of the ordnance units which has left this station, including: One instrument mechanic, four armament fitters, three auto mechanics, one armament artificer and coppersmith and one ammunition examiner.

A number of tradesmen are required for the Fortress Company, Royal Canadian Engineers, including: 11 electricians, 11 fitters, two machinist electricians, three engine artificers, two tinmiths and nine engine hands (I.C.).

The Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers, requires: One bricklayer, one mason and two engine artificers.

The Fortress Signal Company, R.C.C.S., also requires operators, linemen, electricians and wireless instrument mechanics.

"We are very anxious to get these vacancies filled," said Lieut.-Col. H. E. Goodman, district recruiting officer, "as there will be a very large call for tradesmen early in the New Year for the active forces. A drive will be

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## Christmas Events For Servicemen

Christmas season entertainment arranged for the forces in Victoria has been listed by the Auxiliary Services as follows:

December 21—Royal Canadian Engineers. Christmas tree and party for children at Fives Court, Work Point Barracks, from 3 to 5.  
December 23—V. and E. Fortress, R.C.A. Christmas tree and party for children at Fives Court, Work Point Barracks, from 2 to 4.  
December 23—Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps. Christmas tree and party for children at Ordnance Depot, from 2.30 to 5.  
December 24—Men at Otter Point Camp. Dinner and entertainment by Salvation Army.  
December 25—Private hospitality for wives and children of men who have left for overseas or stationed in the east, by the Salvation Army.

December 26—All services. Boxing Day party at Red Shield Three Services Canteen, Broad Street, for men of all services and their wives and lady friends. Musical program. Time, 3 to 6.  
December 28—5th (B.C.) Coast Brigade, R.C.A. Christmas tree and party for wives and children at Victoria Hostess House, at 3.30.  
December 27—Petrol Corps and odd units. Christmas tree and entertainment at Three Services Canteen, from 2.30 to 4.30.

### VICTORIA HOSTESS HOUSE

December 24—Christmas party with carols, dancing and refreshments. Free, from 7 to 11.  
December 28—Dancing and floor show, from 7 to 11.

### Y.M.C.A. HUT

December 22—Sightseeing trip and supper, followed by Christmas carols and music, arranged by Ladies' Auxiliary.  
December 23—Moving picture show.

December 27—Concert by Victoria Musical Arts Society.  
December 30—Moving picture show, ping-pong and billiard tournament.

### Y.M.C.A. BLANSHARD ST.

December 26—Gym and swimming pool open all day to men in uniform.  
January 1—Open house, 2 to 5. Program in gym; swimming pool; afternoon tea and music in lobby. No charge; bring the whole family.

### Y.W.C.A.

December 22—Drive for 75 men from Parsons' Bridge Camp. Supper and music after drive.

### SALVATION ARMY

December 26—Boxing Day party, Red Shield Three Services Centre, Broad Street. All men of the three services, wives and lady friends welcome. Refreshments free; musical program; concert in evening.

### CANADIAN LEGION (Britannia Branch)

December 22—Supper and concert for men and wives and lady friends.

A permit for \$3,000 alterations to the former Ishida Hotel, 820 Fisgard Street, was issued by the city building inspector's department to the National Construction Co. Ltd., owners and contractors for the job. The premises will be used as a rooming house.



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### B.C. Shares Seasonal Business

## 6,000,000 Christmas Trees

Canadian Christmas trees again will carry millions of twinkling colored lights in millions of Canadian and United States homes this Yuletide season, forming the chief motif of seasonal decoration as they have for many years past.

A survey by the Canadian Press shows that approximately 6,000,000 trees, Douglas fir, balsam fir, spruce and some hemlock and pine, have been chopped down by the Dominion's commercially inclined woodsmen for this year's trade. This is about on a par with last year's cut, and, of the 6,000,000, about five-sixths will be set up in homes south of the international border, mostly in the eastern states. New York City alone received about 750,000 Canadian trees last year.

This season's cut is not confined to 6,000,000 trees, however, as tens of thousands are being taken out of forests and bush by the Dominion's rural residents for their own use.

### B.C. SENDS MANY

Chief exporting provinces are British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. British Columbia shipped about 1,000,000 trees. More than 1,000,000 Nova Scotia and New Brunswick firs and spruce trees have been sent to the United States.

The supply generally appears to be as plentiful this year as in past seasons with the exception of Ontario, where improved employment conditions kept a lot of men, previously unemployed, from going to the woods and returning with trees which they sold on vacant lots in urban centres.

### ONTARIO SHORTAGE

Ontario's tree shortage has affected the Toronto and Ottawa areas especially and prices in Toronto have increased on an average of 25 cents a tree when compared with last season. Early snowfalls also adversely affected the cutting and transporting of Ontario's annual Christmas tree crop.

Prices in the Ottawa area, however, were somewhat lower than last year, when there was an even more definite shortage than this season.

In the Maritimes prices are slightly higher but throughout the rest of the Dominion they are about on a par with last season's values. Business at first was reported to be slow, especially in Saskatchewan and Alberta, but it picked up with the approach of Christmas.

Volume of business and prices in Quebec and Manitoba appear to be about the same as last year.

### VANCOUVER PRICES UP

A reported shortage on the Pacific coast failed to materialize but a rumor was enough to cause a slight increase in prices in Vancouver, where fir is the most popular.

From a Dominion-wide price survey it is noted that Canadians are paying anywhere from 25 cents to \$25 for their trees this year, the price depending on whether the buyer wants a small pocket affair or a mammoth tree for the city hall square.

## Military Notices

VICTORIA TROOP, 1st SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY, R.C.A. (N.P.A.M.)

Duties—Orderly officer, 2nd Lt. R. Davis; orderly sergeant, Lt. Sgt. W. Rowe; orderly trumpeter, Tpr. D. Filwood.  
Parades—Friday, Dec. 27, 19.45 hours, battery parade.

## Christmas Rush On in Earnest

Put on your shoulder and shin pads, get a determined look on your face, take several deep breaths and you're ready.

Some merchants believe it will be the busiest today, some think Monday and Tuesday will be the days, but from the crowds of shoppers already on the streets and in the stores, the Christmas rush is definitely on now.

It's just human nature. No matter how you try to educate the public to shop early, come the last hours before Christmas and you will always find a jostling, time-anxious crowd buying their gifts.

What are they buying this year? Everything that is practical—silk stockings, dressing gowns, fur coats, men's wear, household furnishings and toilet articles.

How much are they spending? Everywhere reports reveal the sales to be above last year's figures. Apparently the most-bought item is silk stockings. There is a difference of opinion as to whether or not this is because of the ban on silk from the United States, and the rumor that there will be a silk stocking shortage.

Some dealers say that a lot are being sold to the many men in the services, either to give locally to their wives and sweethearts, or to send back east. Whatever it is, sales are up 15 to 20 per cent over last year.

Another item that is selling well is fur coats. This year the prices are lower and there is more money around to buy them. The sale is helping domestic furs tremendously, as they are being sold instead of the usual European variety.

"An interesting point is that Canadian furs are of a much better quality than the European furs," said one dealer. "I guess the reason people showed a preference to European furs in previous years is just because they are never satisfied with what they have at home."

Men's clothing stores are very busy. The increased war work for many tradesmen, giving them money to buy more clothes, has offset the nonbuying by many men in uniform. Working clothes are going exceptionally well.

Change of the name Outhbert Street, approved by the City Council at its last meeting, to Romney Street will be recommended at the next council meeting by the intermunicipal committee. The roadway is off Foul Bay Road in a new subdivision adjacent to Mount Joy.

## 'FLU EPIDEMIC ON DOWN GRADE

The current influenza epidemic in British Columbia appears to be on the down grade now, Dr. G. F. Amyot, provincial health officer, said today.

"That is only a guess, of course, based on odd pieces of information," Dr. Amyot added, "but I think it is safe to say we are over the worst of it."

Dr. Amyot explained the health department has been unable to check the exact scope of the epidemic since comparatively few of the cases are reported.

One thing certain, however, is that the type of influenza now current is not of the fatal variety for there has been no appreciable increase in the number of deaths from it. The disease has not been accompanied by pneumonia which brought about so many deaths in the 1918 epidemic.

So far as can be ascertained here the flu has not seriously affected business. No schools have been closed.

## 25 Years Ago

DECEMBER 21, 1915

LONDON — Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that Lieut.-Gen. Sir William R. Robertson, chief of the general staff, had been recalled from France to become chief of the Imperial Staff at army headquarters in London in place of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Archibald Murray, who was about to receive an important command.

LONDON—When the British forces withdrew from positions at Suvla Bay and Anzac, on the northwestern shore of the Gallipoli Peninsula, their total casualties were three men wounded, according to an official announcement made this afternoon.

Bert Lindsay, the veteran goalkeeper, who was released by Lester Patrick this spring, has landed a job in the nets for the Wanderer N.F.A. team. Bert played Saturday against Quebec.

Corporal R. E. Meredith, who left here with the 30th Battalion, and who was wounded at Festubert on May 20, will arrive in the city tomorrow afternoon.

### THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



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AT B.C. HOUSE - Mr. W. A. McAdam, acting Agent-General for British Columbia, and Mrs. McAdam examining shell splinters which fell near British Columbia House, London, where they are running a canteen which is a popular rendezvous with soldiers from this province.

## Social and Personal

Miss Gypsy Ward, McClure Street, has returned home after visiting in Vancouver with Mrs. Etienne De Wolf.

Mr. and Mrs. C. James Rankin will go over to Vancouver to be Yuletide guests of the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edlef Jurgensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. McCannell and their young son plan to go over to Vancouver for Christmas to stay with Mrs. McCannell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shelly.

Mrs. William McCague and her son, Mr. James McCague, will leave on Sunday for Edmonton, Alberta, where he is to be married on December 29 to Miss Mary Jellis, R.N.

Lieut. Gordon Money is expected soon from Calgary to join Mrs. Money and their children in Vancouver and spend Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson, St. Charles Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Driscoll of Vancouver will spend the holiday season in Victoria as the guests of their respective parents, Mrs. M. F. Driscoll, York Place, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Esquimalt.

Miss Helen Woodcroft and Mr. Derek Woodcroft returned yesterday from the University of British Columbia to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Woodcroft, Windsor Road.

Mrs. S. E. Woodhouse and her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Dudley, will arrive tomorrow from Vancouver to be the guests of Mrs. Woodhouse's son and daughter-in-law, Reeve-elect and Mrs. W. L. Woodhouse, Cadboro Bay Road, for the holiday season.

In honor of Miss Betti Elizabeth Davis, whose marriage to Private Walter Lowe will take place after Christmas, a miscellaneous shower was held at the home of her aunt, Mrs. S. G. Angwin, Colquitz. The gifts were presented to the honored guest in a beautifully decorated Christmas box. The supper table was decorated with a blue and silver centerpiece with lighted blue candles. Games were enjoyed. The guests were: Mrs. M. Davis, Mrs. May Connor, Mrs. Joyce MacNiece, Misses Doris Lowe, Dorothy Kermode, Isabella Davis, Messrs Robin Davis, S. G. Angwin, W. Lowe, E. Mead and Dick Colburn.

In honor of Miss Daisy Henderson, a bride-elect of this month, Mrs. W. V. Peddle and Mrs. T. G. Unicum entertained at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Peddle, 1230 Union Avenue. The guest of honor was presented with a corsage bouquet upon her arrival and the gifts were concealed in a prettily-decorated box. Mrs. H. Milnes, president of Lake Hill Bowling Club, made a presentation to Miss Henderson on behalf of the members. Games were enjoyed, the winners being Mrs. J. Imrie and Mrs. G. Upward. During the tea Mrs. G. Upward gave an amusing monologue. The guests were: Messdames J. Ent-whistle, G. Upward, E. Gough, L. Schmelz, H. Milnes, R. Mercer, Webster, M. Trueman, J. R. Terry, T. Simson, A. McCallum, P. Taylor, I. Imrie, W. E. Dunn, G. Campbell, T. A. Miller, R. McDowell, E. P. Dawson, E. Myles and Miss E. Douglas.

This afternoon, at the Empress Hotel, Miss Isabel Black, R.N., who has been on the staff of the Victoria Order of Nurses, in Victoria, and who is leaving for Winnipeg to take a position on the staff of the Winnipeg General Hospital, was the guest of honor at a tea given for her by the Graduate Nurses' Association of Victoria.

In honor of Miss M. M. Blank-

## Child Evacuees Are Guests At Government House Party

Coming as an effective and delightful antidote to the natural nostalgia created by the first Christmas away from home and loved ones far away in a warring world, over 200 little Britishers here "for the duration" enjoyed a foretaste of Canadian Yuletide hospitality at its best this afternoon, when they were the guests of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Hamber at a Christmas party.

### GAY DECORATIONS

Many of the children, fresh from England and its black-outs, found a thrill in the welcoming gleam from the illuminated trees in the hall and corridors, and exclaimed at the beauty of the Christmas decorations of poinsettias, holly and ivy garlands, Christmas bells and other symbols of the festive season.

His Honor and Mrs. Hamber received in the drawing room where, just inside the entrance, a miniature stylized Christmas tree glowed with tiny colored lights, and great bowls of scarlet cyclamen and other flowers lent a splash of color against the green hangings. In attendance were His Honor's aides, Brigadier Sutherland Brown, Col. Hugh Allan, Capt. Hobart Molson, Mr. Hew Paterson and Mr. A. M. D. Fairbairn.

Also assisting during the afternoon were Mrs. Mae Rice, Mrs. Sutherland Brown, Mrs. Hugh Allan, Mrs. Hobart Molson and Mrs. Hew Paterson.

### RECEIVE GIFT CRACKERS

From the drawing room the children proceeded to the ballroom where the fireplace and orchestra dais were banked with greenery, poinsettias and other Christmas flowers. As the youngsters filed into the ballroom, each received a colorful Christmas

enrich, a teacher of the Margaret Jenkins School, who is to be married in the near future, the Margaret Jenkins Parent-Teachers' Association executive held a surprise tea in the school Wednesday afternoon. The table looked very pretty with white, mauve and yellow chrysanthemums and lighted candles in silver holders on a lace cloth. Mrs. G. Pottinger, P.T.A. president, presented the honored guest with a pyrex teapot and two pyrex pie plates. The guests included Mrs. G. Pottinger, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. J. V. Barnes, Mrs. C. Guest, Mrs. J. C. Rowe, Mrs. A. Unwin, Mrs. G. Anstey, Mrs. C. Shaw, Mrs. Miss Haverstock, Lt. Col. W. N. Winsby and Mr. Mackay. Mrs. Pottinger poured tea.

In honor of Mrs. H. Roberts, formerly Miss Ruth Appleby, a kitchen shower was held by Miss Olive Cosgrove at her home, 194 Obed Avenue. Upon her arrival the guest of honor was presented with a corsage of carnations. The many lovely gifts were arranged beneath a prettily-decorated Christmas tree. Afterwards games were played, the winners being Mrs. S. Scurah and Mrs. H. Rhodes. Refreshments were served from a daintily-appointed table centred with a vase of chrysanthemums. The invited guests were: Mrs. F. Appleby, Mrs. F. C. Appleby, Mrs. H. Rhodes, Mrs. T. Hawkes, Mrs. A. Rodgers, Mrs. J. Patterson, Mrs. S. Scurah, Miss Jennie Galt, Mrs. B. Dawley, Mrs. Geoffrey, Miss Anna Cosgrove, Mrs. T. Smith, Mrs. A. Hopkins, Mrs. F. Raines, Mrs. J. McGrath, Mrs. W. Rintoul and Mrs. J. M. Cosgrove.

In honor of Miss Annie Patterson, whose marriage will take place on New Year's Eve in Toronto, Miss Flo Peddle entertained at a linen shower at her home, "Prestwood Brae." The bride-to-be was presented with a corsage bouquet of pink carnations. The many beautiful gifts were presented to the honored guest on a beautifully-decorated Christmas tree. Red candles in silver holders adorned the supper table. Games were enjoyed, prizes being won by the Misses Kay Cornish, Mary Smith, Jessie Fryer, Blanche Joyce, Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. H. Patterson. The guests were: Misses Anna Morris, Beryl Saurley, Mary Smith, Juanita McPherson, Gladys Cook, Muriel Fanthorpe, Peggy McAlpine, Kay Gregoroff, Dolly McAlpine, Eileen Scoles, Jessie Fryer, Kay Cornish, Blanche Joyce, Eileen O'Malley, Eleanor Gray, Mesdames W. Patterson, F. L. Crosson, R. Sundin, Hooper, W. V. Peddle, H. Patterson, G. Wallace, F. Hawkins, V. Freegard, M. Biscott, V. Peddle, E. Harris, C. R. McLachlan, H. Burkholder, L. Cornish and R. Davidson.

**ROYAL OAK**  
A 500 card party was held in the Community Hall under the auspices of the Royal Oak Women's Institute. Prizes were won by Miss D. Power, Mrs. F. Carless, B. Hoole and E. R. Heal. Hostesses were Mesdames J. W. Harrison, E. R. Heal, G. L. Massey and J. Jones.

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DANCING 9-7 5-piece Orchestra  
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ways Be An England" and the National Anthem was followed by three rousing cheers for the host and hostess, to whom the young guests also expressed their individual thanks for what will long stand out as a red-letter event of their stay in Canada.

### A GIFT They Can Ride!

**JUNIOR BIKE**  
Constructed of auto-body steel. Finished in bright red. Artillery spoke wheels and rubber tires. Rubber handle grips; 15 in. wide, 18 in. high and 22 in. long.  
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Heavy gauge strongly-braced steel, wide rear axle. Strongest full-drawn steel fork on the market. Front wheel fitted with heavy duty ball bearings; 1-in. fancy tread balloon tires. Saddle and handle bars adjustable. 12-in. Front Wheel. 16-in. Front Wheel.  
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**SCOOTERS**  
Roller bearing disc wheels, back-stand and foot brake. Frame and fork of 1-in. x 3/16-in. steel. 33 in. long. 30 in. long.  
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**DOLL PRAMS**  
with all-steel body, welded joints, folding foot-board, leatherette hood. Teo-body trimmed in leatherette. Inside finished in wood, with three-piece seat. Body size 20x11 in.; handle height 25 1/2 in.

**\$10.95**

Doll Pram—English pram type with folding leatherette hood and apron. Strong steel construction, 1-in. spoke wheels, rubber tires; body 16 in.; handle height 30 in. Same as above, only larger size; body length 20 in.; handle height 30 1/2 in.

**\$3.95 \$6.95**

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By E.L.F.

Last-minute Suggestions! See Mary Constance, 784 Fort Street, for a smart handbag, a fine woolen sweater, or the kind of jewelry she's sure to like! And don't forget that extra dress for holiday festivities!

Ever her special wish... a new dress! Choose sprightly, figure-flattering fashions for day or evening!

Last-minute Suggestion! Have you thought of a bottle of O. M. Jones Lavender as a Christmas remembrance for friends who are ill or in hospital? Made from lavender flowers grown and distilled in Victoria. For sale at Miss Livingstone's, 621 View Street.



Last-minute Suggestion! That camera you've been thinking of buying for someone. Have you looked at the grand display of really inexpensive ones—all the latest styles—at Scott's Camera Craft Limited, 1015 Douglas Street.



Last-minute Suggestion! There are still plenty of gifts on display at the English Gift Shop, 725 Yates Street. Twenty-five cents to Three Dollars is the average price range. If that doesn't strike every pocketbook, we miss our guess!

Last-minute Suggestion! Have you been to the Persian Arts and Crafts, 610 Fort Street? Try their Flower Oil Perfumes... see their lovely trinkets and smart imported costume jewelry. Inexpensive, too!

If she's young she'll love a hooded coat! Warm, smart, for school or travel!

Last-minute Suggestion! For your pet... or for your friend's pet... bones, balls, even Christmas stockings at the Pet Shop, 1412 Douglas Street. A gift idea for every kind of live pet at this interesting store!



Last-minute Suggestion! For that hard-to-find gift, do try the Modern Pharmacy, 1327 Douglas Street. They have a wonderful display of Helena Rubenstein gift boxes from \$1.75. Compacts... perfumes... toiletries of all kinds for men or for women!

Last-minute Suggestions! Pop in to the English Bakery, 742 Fort Street, and pick up as many dainties as you can for over the holiday. Mince pies... short-breads... small cakes... all come in mighty handy for quick snacks and hasty meals.

Give her something that will ease her household tasks. She'll love you for your thoughtfulness and use your gift constantly throughout the year.

Last-minute Suggestion! A smart little woolen romper or tiny dress for the new baby. See these at Bird's Baby Nest, 1465 Douglas Street. A new shipment of pure silk hand-made dresses have just arrived here!

Last-minute Suggestion! There's nothing better than Ling-erie, Robes or Blouses! See Mae Melghen's selection before you make a choice. Smart styles... quality... prices for everyone! 890 Fort Street, at Quadra.



Last-minute Suggestion! If you're dining out on Christmas Day... make it Terry's. There will be a bountiful variety on the menu... delicious, well-cooked food in the kitchens... smiling, efficient service in the dining-room. All for One Dollar.

"Eve" wishes you... one and all... A Happy Christmas! May all your dreams come true in 1941!



ARRANGING SNOW BALL. — Chatting over arrangements for the annual Snow Ball which the Beaux-Arts will hold at the Empress Hotel on Boxing Day are, left to right, Mary Lindgren, the general convener, Hope Denbeigh, who has charge of the decorations, and Joan Hayes, who is looking after the posters and tickets.

## Soldiers' Kiddies Revel At New Hostess House

With a children's party as its first function, the Victoria Hostess House, Fort Street, latest addition to the growing list of recreational centres for the men of H.M. forces, opened yesterday afternoon with an éclat reminiscent of a premiere. For the noise, lights and celebrities were all there.

### CELEBRITIES PRESENT

The noise came from the 250 children who were entertained by the Women's Auxiliaries of the First and Second Battalions, Canadian Scottish Regiment; the lights were furnished by glittering Christmas trees, gay candles and the roaring flames of a great open fire, and the celebrities included Miss Tallulah Bankhead, the American actress, who evidently enjoyed the experience of being "piped in" by stalwart pipers D. Leash and B. Stephens.

Other special guests "piped in" and welcomed by the president, Mrs. Leslie Macdonell, Mrs. W. H. Wood, Mrs. R. V. Leese, Mrs. A. McLennan, Mrs. J. R. Kingham, Miss Urquhart and Miss Ann Bapty, hostesses of the auxiliary, included Major Gen. R. O. Alexander, O.C. Military District No. 11, and Mrs. Alexander, Hon. R. R. Bruce, former Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, and Mrs. Bruce, Col. H. M. Urquhart, Lieut. Col. Walter Bapty, Lieut. Col. F. Brooke Stephenson, Capt. J. Lightbody, Major Ian Simpson, Capt. G. Douglas, Mrs. Dola Cavendish, Mrs. Walter Nichol, Mrs. J. W. Spencer, Mrs. H. F. Crowe, Mrs. C. F. Armstrong and Mrs. C. T. Beard.

### PROGRAM ENJOYED

A delightful program by pupils of Violet Fowkes Dancing School included: Scarf dance, Lorna Farmer, Denise Lamont, Sheila Wilton, Yvonne McKiernon, Geraldine Smith, Ann Wilton and Frances Cannon; pussy cats, Heather McDougall, Barry Rushworth, Maribeth Brown and Cynthia Ross; song and dance, Maxine Simpson; mama dolls, Jo Ann Wright, Joy Gillam and Patsy Dentith; song and dance, Norah Rushworth; Slavonic dance, Jacqueline Campion, Joyce Unwin, Mildred Hick and Loretta Baxter; highland fling, Helen McLeod, Beverley Hamilton, Barbara Barrick, Helen Auchinclove and Christine Boyd, accompanied by Piper Patricia Sprout; tap dance, Shirley Jackson and Sylvia Ditchburn; Mexican dance, Valerie Brown, Geraldine Smith and Yvonne McKiernon; Dutch dance, Denise Loman and Claire Crossley; tap dance, Yvonne Simpson and Ida Lalonde; Shean Trubbas, Helen McLeod, Beverley Hamilton, Barbara Barrick, Helen Auchinclove and Christine Boyd; drumstick tap, Valerie Brown, Yvonne McKiernon, Jimmy Cannon, Fred Stone and Geraldine Smith; ballet of stars, Joyce Unwin, Frances Farmer, Jacqueline Campion, Mildred Hick, Mavis McCahill, Margaret Brown, Norah Rushworth and Maxine Simpson, and the finale, "There'll Always Be An England." The accompanist was Miss Doreen Briggs.

### SANTA CLAUS

The pipers led the grand march at teatime, the long tables being quickly filled with children, who were anxious to finish tea in order that they might meet Santa Claus, whose appearance was hailed with shrieks of delight. Col. W. H.

Bapty assisted the genial old gentleman in distributing the many gifts from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree which towered to the ceiling. In addition to the gifts each child received an orange and a fancy bag filled with candies and other good things. At the conclusion of the afternoon, the children also received colored balloons.

### COSY ATMOSPHERE

Under the able direction of Mrs. Lennox Irvine, president of the Hostess House committee, the former furniture store has undergone an amazing transformation. Although the formal opening has been postponed until January, the room was opened to the men of the services last night and will open every day from 3.30 till 11. Lady friends of the men may attend when escorted by men in uniform and is open to the women whenever the men wish to invite them.

Victoria Lodge No. 83, Order Daughter of St. George, met in the Sons of England Hall on Wednesday with Worthy President Sister Morgan in the chair. A committee was formed of Mesdames Gurney, Williams and Harris to distribute the usual Christmas cheer to the various charitable institutions and a cheque for \$35 will be sent to the Lord Mayor of London's Fund, also baskets of fruit and flowers to sick members. After the meeting a game of cards was enjoyed and refreshments were served by Mrs. Adams and her committee. The next meeting will be January 15.



BUSY ON CHILDREN'S BALL. — Assisting with the little guests at the annual children's fancy dress ball at the Empress Hotel on December 27 will be the young members of the Navy League Chapter L.O.D.E. shown above, as they were caught by the Times photographer, planning for the party: Front, Peggy Brindle and Kay Clarke; back, Kay Burnett and Gerry Kent.

## Visitors Flock To City for Christmas

Many visitors from south of the border will be in Victoria for the Empress Yuletide festivities.

They are coming from San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Portland, Salem, Eugene, Tacoma and Seattle. Canadian visitors are coming from Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Penticton and Vancouver. Refugees from London, Paris, Shanghai and other places torn by war will eat turkey and plum pudding far from the sound of bombs.

The Hollywood movie colony will be represented by Paul Cavanaugh and Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas.

Miss Miriam R. Le Vin, socialite and horsewoman of Allentown, Pa., is here for the festivities.

Among those booked at the Empress for Christmas from Seattle are Misses Lorne H. Anderson and Grace E. Harris, Mary N. Baker and Eugenia Raymond, Ralph Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Hawley and son, Mrs. H. Hodgson and Miss Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hillen, Miss Hillen, Phil Hildritch, Miss Ann Wold, Miss Betty Carey and John Carey, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, Miss J. F. Knight, Miss J. Lilley, Mrs. Margaret Lowe, Miss Katherine Letz, Charles Weaver, Misses Merrie McGill, Bertha Rinley, Bessie Casse and Dr. McGill, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Marsolan, C. W. Martin, Miss Leonora Martin, Mrs. C. A. Maury, Commander and Mrs. A. C. McFall, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Neill, Mrs. Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pritchard, Misses Ruth J. Robinson and Sarah Sears, Mrs. J. W. Roberts and Mrs. Ralph Allen, Miss Margaret B. Reilly, Mrs. J. L. Stainbrook, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stutesman, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Storhew, Miss Marguerite H. G. Sligar, Miss E. Salverson, Mrs. M. Schaefer, Miss Agnes Smart, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Thorlakson, Misses Ida Theding and Bernice Dale, Mrs. Ella Willard, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Yost and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Agner.

From Portland: Mr. and Mrs. John Adam and son, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hammond and Miss Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Horwitz, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stent, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. D. Wells and Harry Coleman.

From Tacoma: Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Andre de Haseth, Misses Elizabeth M. Fitch and Miss Lucile Hatch, Mrs. M. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. George Sessor, major and Mrs. T. R. McCarron and Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Fossum.

Others from south of the line include Judge and Mrs. Thomas E. Buckner and Mrs. J. C. Adair, Caldwell, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bilger, Bellevue, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Collins and family, Palo Alto, Cal.; Miss Lessard, Oakland; Mrs. H. Pfister and Mrs. Hannah Martin, Salem, Ore.; Mrs. A. E. Page, Walla Walla, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rotech, Bellevue, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Taggart, Garden House, Ore.; Mrs. R. A. Wells, Berkeley, Cal.; Miss Emma Zehe and Mrs. Netta Edmondson, Lowell, Wash.; Major and Mrs. Boyce M. James, Fort Lewis; Dr. and Mrs. James Haviland, Olympia; Col. and Mrs. Robert E. M. Goodrich, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Estes and son, San Francisco and Miss Dorothy Dear, Ellensburg, Wash.

Canadians from east of the Rockies include Mrs. Somerset Aikins and Miss J. M. Colby, Stanstead, P.Q.; H. F. Mathews, general manager Canadian Pacific Hotels; Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Mathews Jr., Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Heagle, Calgary; Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bowker, Ponoka, Alta.; Mrs. E. L. Barryman, Calgary; Miss Gertrude Cornell, Edmonton; Mrs. Edith Cox and Mrs. W. Hough, Toronto; Mrs. John Leslie, Montreal; Mrs. Fred Smith, Edmonton; Arthur Slaght, M.P., Toronto and Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Taylor, Toronto.

Victoria Purple Star, L.O.B.A., met on Wednesday, Worthy Mistress Mrs. Hume presiding, assisted by Deputy Mistress Mrs. Dallin. R.W.P.G. Mistress Mrs. Doane, assisted by R.W.P.G. Mistress Mrs. Burt, installed the following officers: Worthy mistress, Mrs. Dallin; deputy mistress, Mrs. Keatley; junior deputy, Miss L. Edmonds; chaplain, Mrs. R. Rolis; recording secretary, Miss E. Anderson; financial secretary, Mrs. Jennings; treasurer, Mrs. Melville; director of ceremonies, Mrs. Lambeth; first lecturer, Mrs. Joyce; second lecturer, Mrs. Slater; inner guard, Mrs. Songhurst; outer guard, Mrs. A. Edmonds; second, third, fourth and fifth committee, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Trowsdale, Mrs. Ard; pianist, Mrs. Noel; guardian, Mrs. Townsend.



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he would certainly trust his gay Red and White Costume to our care—whiskers and all! And we are happy to know that the magic of "Sanitone" is contributing so much to the enjoyment of the Festive Season for so many of our Patrons. At this time we take the opportunity of wishing friends old and new the compliments of the Season—the old wish from the

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## Clubwomen's News

Mrs. G. Bishop presided at the Christmas meeting of the First Baptist Women's Union held recently. Those taking part in the program were: Devotional, Mrs. N. Phillips; pianoforte duet by Miss Q. Tabor and Miss N. Hensley, and a talk on "Christmas in Other Lands," by Mrs. M. Hammond. Mrs. W. P. Freeman gave an interesting report of the board meeting at Vancouver.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Emmanuel Baptist Church met on Thursday, Mrs. Pearson presiding. Final plans were made for the Sunday school supper to be held on December 30. Mrs. Waite and Mrs. Pinkerton reported on the local council meeting and urged the ladies to try and attend the showing of the royal doll at the Hudson's Bay January 8 to 22, proceeds to go to the refugee children in Canada.

W.A. Britannia Branch No. 7, Canadian Legion, held their card social in the clubrooms Wednesday at 8 p.m. Prizewinners at cribbage, which was in charge of Mr. H. Jarvis, were Mr. F. White, Mr. J. Chanter and Mrs. A. Bechtel; prizewinners at court whist, Mrs. R. Dawes and Mrs. Campbell; Mr. C. Collins won the contest and Mrs. W. Wait the special prize. Refreshments were served by Mrs. G. Ree and her assistants.

In order to decide the winners of the Christmas tombola held by "Apascoe" to augment their funds, members of the executive; Mrs. Woodburn and Mrs. F. Ross, president and vice-president of the P.P.C.L.I. Auxiliary; Mrs. A. Lockley, and Mrs. Harper of Winnipeg met at a tea at the home of Mrs. Gillies, 549 Lamson Street, on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. A. Lockley, wife of the reeve of the municipality, was invited to draw the lucky numbers and winners may obtain prizes from Mrs. Gillies, or E4454.

The Women's Missionary Society of Esquimalt United Church held its annual meeting on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. King, Loyal Street, in the presence of Mrs. King, in the chair. All members took part in the devotional period. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. King; vice-president, Mrs. J. Hood; secretary, Mrs. H. Hughes; treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Deaville; associate helpers, Mrs. J. Hood; community friendship, Mrs. W. Parry; Christian stewardship, Mrs. W. Brown; temperance secretary, Mrs. G. Cook; W.M.S. Monthly, Mrs. Wheeler; supply secretary, Mrs. T. Wallace. Plans were made to hold a birthday tea in conjunction with the next meeting. Mrs. H. Brown rendered a delightful solo. Tea was served by the hostess.

The Young Women's Missionary Society of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Victoria West, met in the school room with the president, Mrs. Harry Holmes, presiding. The opening devotional was taken by Mrs. Rawlings and the missionary paper on India by Mrs. V. Young. The secretary read an interesting letter received from Mrs. C. P. Wood, Presbyterian missionary in India's Bhil field, and arrangements were

made to forward toys for the missionary's children there. Mrs. J. C. Scott gave a delightful Christmas story. The year's allocation of money and supplies were exceeded by the society and the Red Cross work is to be further considered in January. Mrs. Hyde thanked the members for their co-operation and presided at the election of officers, the slate being as follows: President, Mrs. H. Holmes; vice-president, Mrs. A. Rawlings; secretary, Mrs. V. Young; treasurer, Miss Lily Erickson; literature and supplies, Miss Betty Campbell; music, Miss Valentine Sloan. At the January meeting Lorna Farrell and Sheila Smith will take the devotional.

## WEDDINGS

### IRVING-NOTTINGHAM

Christmas decorations made a pretty setting at St. Mark's Church last evening at 7 for the wedding of Mary Joan, eldest daughter of the late Mr. J. E. Nottingham, and Mrs. Nottingham, 175 Battleford Avenue, and Petty Officer John Henry Irving, R.C.N.R., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Irving, 556 Kennedy Street, Nanaimo. Rev. O. L. Jull officiated.

Given in marriage by her stepbrother, Mr. Ivor Hoskin, the bride wore an afternoon frock of plum chiffon velvet, with a small black velvet hat and veil and a corsage bouquet of pink and white carnations. Miss Phyllis Nottingham was her sister's bridesmaid, wearing a frock of cinnamon brown crepe, with a soldier blue hat and a corsage of pale pink carnations, and Sergeant Robert Kutschan, R.C.A.F., was best man.

A small reception was held in Terry's Rose Room which was gay with festive decorations, and supper was served at a table arranged with vases of pink carnations and pink tapers, and centred with the cake.

For the honeymoon trip up-island the bride donned a soldier blue coat over her wedding ensemble. Petty Officer and Mrs. Irving will make their home in Victoria. Guests at the wedding included the bridegroom's parents, and his brother, Mr. Reginald Irving, Nanaimo, Mr. and Mrs. W. Calverley, Nanaimo, and Sergeant and Mrs. R. Kutschan, Sidney.

## Woolies Urgently Needed for Navy

OTTAWA (CP) — Five thousand sets of woolen garments for men of the Royal Canadian Navy and merchant navies visiting Canada's shores, are "urgently required" before January 31, Rear-Admiral Percy W. Nelles, chief of naval staff, said last night in an appeal to Canadians.

His message explained that a "set" of garments consists of helmet, mittens, scarf, sweater and socks.

Since the start of the war, Admiral Nelles said, contributions from various women's organizations had met the navy's requirements. Increased demand, how-

ever, now has made necessary an increased supply. "Garments are urgently required — all will be gratefully received," he said. "Every garment sent in will immediately find its way aboard a ship."

All garments forwarded to Canadian naval forces should be of navy blue, though grey also will be acceptable, he said. Admiral Nelles said knitting done by Canadian women in the past had done much to make Canadian sailors comfortable at sea.



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## MEZGER TRIAL NEARLY FINISHED

The Defence of Canada Trial of the four Mezgers was adjourned to next Friday in Oak Bay Police Court yesterday afternoon when it was learned a character witness had failed to put in an appearance. The trial is scheduled to conclude next week.

Robert Mary, Roy and Howard Mezger are charged with having Communistic literature in their possession.

Mary, wife of Robert, testified in court yesterday that she did not know of the presence of the literature in the house until after the search. She said they all suspected it was Webster's material.

Mrs. Mezger said that after Webster had been released from jail he came to visit them at the Victoria Avenue house, where he had lived prior to the arrests. Crown counsel Claude L. Harrison, objected to Mary answering defence counsel Stuart Henderson's question if Webster admitted the literature found was his when he made the visit after being released. Magistrate Henry Hall sustained the objection.

In reply to a question from Mr. Harrison she said she could not remember when she last used the kitchen stove for cooking purposes. While the family operated the New England Cafe the stove was not used for cooking, only for the purpose of keeping the water hot, she said.

Arthur, a younger brother who does not live in the Victoria Avenue house, testified he met Webster in the Jubilee Hospital. They were patients in the same ward. Arthur said he introduced Webster to other members of the family when they visited the hospital.

Three character witnesses were heard.

## FORESTRY CORPS FULLY MECHANIZED

Like other sections of today's armies, the Canadian Forestry Corps is on a mechanized basis. Major George R. Hanbury, O.C. of the 18th Company, told the Victoria section, Canadian Society of Forest Engineers, at a meeting Wednesday night.

Horses were used by forestry corps in the last war. Today tractors and trucks replace the horses. Logging and milling methods are of the latest type.

Each company also has a technical forester attached to it so that logged areas will be left in satisfactory condition.

Major Hanbury, who was in the forestry corps in the last war achieving the rank of colonel, told of some of the work done in logging French forests for the British government. Canada mobilized 75 forestry companies in the last war. So far it has 20 this time, of which four are from British Columbia, three in the east and one here under Major Hanbury.

All men have experience in logging operations. Capt. Don Hodson, second in command of the 18th Company, and Lieut. H. R. Christie, M.C., also spoke briefly.

## Santa's Secrets



## In Police Court

### Many Fined on Traffic Charges

Including two fines imposed on motorists found guilty of dangerous driving, \$130 was collected in City Police Court yesterday on traffic violations.

James Rugg, who admitted being in three serious accidents in four months, was found guilty on a charge of dangerous driving and was fined \$50. Constable George Clayards testified accused crashed into a telephone pole on Dallas Road at Montreal Street on November 30. The pole was snapped off and \$386 in damage done to defendant's car.

Rugg said he was traveling between 30 and 35 miles an hour and when turning from Montreal Street on to Dallas Road the steering apparatus stuck.

Roy Fisher, who said he was Rugg's employer, testified that the taxi Rugg was driving was thoroughly serviced and overhauled three days before the accident.

Magistrate Henry Hall said he was satisfied Rugg was going at an unreasonable rate of speed in making the turn.

Hookum Singh entered a plea of guilty to a charge of dangerous driving and was fined \$35. Constable George Clayards said accused was reported by witnesses to have been driving his truck in a very erratic manner in the vicinity of Douglas Street and Burnside Road on December 12.

The constable said when he arrived on Jutland Road the truck was parked on the wrong side of the street and Singh was standing behind the truck in an unsafe position.

## ALDERMAN-ELECT FINED

P. E. George, alderman-elect, was fined \$250 on a charge of overparking. He pleaded guilty to the charge but explained that on the day in question he had been visited by parents of children attending city schools for the purpose of discussing the flu epidemic. This had taken up his time for an hour and a half and he had forgotten about his car.

The magistrate asked Mr. George if he thought that because he was doing the public service he could break the law? Mr. George said he did not but added it was due to the service that he had forgotten about the law for the moment.

A soldier motorist who pleaded guilty to speeding was given a "special Christmas rate" on being fined. His commanding officer explained to Magistrate Hall accused was going a little over the speed limit, but as he was going to Vernon on Christmas leave to visit his family a \$10 fine would impose a hardship on him. The magistrate exercised leniency and cut the fine in half.

Two other motorists were fined \$10 each for speeding, two \$5 each for having no driver's license, a company \$5 for engaging a chauffeur without a license, and five motorists \$250 each for parking violations.

## COUNCIL GUESTS OF ALD. HAWKINS

The City Council met last night in dinner jackets. With no business before them other than their own enjoyment the mayor and aldermen sat together at the banquet board, in the Union Club, the guests, with a few department heads, of Alderman T. W. Hawkins.

Some talk there was of civic activities as Alderman Hawkins paid a glowing tribute to Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, for the manner in which he had assisted the city in recent years.

A toast to the City of Victoria, proposed by Alderman R. A. C. Dewar, was answered by Mayor Andrew McGavin. Alderman W. H. Davies sponsored the toast to the British Empire to which Alderman Archie Wills replied. The services were honored in a toast by Alderman B. J. Gadsden and a response by Major M. K. Crockett, lands commissioner, while tribute was paid the ladies in a toast by Alderman J. A. Worthington to

## Turkey Dinner for Young Trainees



Here is one group around the tables in the Vancouver Island mess at Gordon Head last night, from left, Elwood White, Casimir Kobec, Duncan; E. W. Allen, James Pomeroy, Ken Hunt and W. M. Brown.

After a month's compulsory military training, approximately 1,000 young trainees from the Gordon Head Camp were en route to their homes in various parts of British Columbia today, taking with them pleasant memories of a turkey dinner and a gala "last night" under army rules.

The first contingent left yesterday. This group was composed of boys from northern parts of the province, who had to leave early in order to get home in time for Christmas. Victoria and up-island boys left camp this morning and the bulk of the trainees sailed from Victoria this afternoon by special steamer for Vancouver and lower mainland centres.

Last night the men sat down to a generous Christmas dinner. Cooks and their helpers carved nearly 700 pounds of turkey—42 birds, each weighing about 15 pounds. It was cooked to a turn, everyone agreed, and the dressing was just "like mother makes."

There were no complaints. A sergeant shouted "good job!" and 500 strong voices in each dining hall answered, with a roar, "yes," and the boys began their plates and cheered.

Colonel's Greeting  
Lieut. Colonel T. B. Monk, camp commandant, and his adjutant, Capt. M. Montgomery, visited the messes and saw the boys "tucking in." They made the rounds with Lieut. H. H. Massy, assistant adjutant and messing officer, to whom officers and men gave credit for the success of the dinner. Lieut. Massy in turn praised the chef and the cooks and all dining-room help. Lieut. Massy prepared the souvenir menu, which contained a cartoon of his own, "Mussolini's Christmas dinner," showing the dictator indig-

nant when he was being handed his plate and saying: "Yes, I did order a goose—but I didn't want it cooked in grease." On the back page was a Christmas and New Year wish from Col. Monk.

The men started their dinner with cream of tomato soup, followed by the turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed turnips and a mashed potatoes. Then came big slabs of plum pudding, with hot sauce, mince pie, fruit cake, fruit and ice cream, with plenty of soft drinks and tea and coffee.

Following the dinner the boys went for walks in the grounds

meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Gattard.

## THE WEATHER

VICTORIA, 5 a.m. today—A disturbance appears to be centred southwest of Vancouver Island and pressure is relatively high over the state of Idaho. The weather continues unsettled and mild throughout British Columbia, with showers over the interior and rain on the coast. Moderate temperature is reported in the prairie provinces.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.83; temperature, max. 49, min. 45; wind, 8 miles N.E.; precip., .05; foggy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, max. 52, min. 43; wind, 10 miles E.; precip., .16; cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.57; temperature, max. 49, min. 42; wind, 15 miles E.E.; precip., .79; raining.

Victoria 49, Nanaimo 50, Vancouver 48, New Westminster 48, Prince Rupert 49, Dawson 48, Seattle 47, Portland 46, San Francisco 44, Kamloops 43, Kelowna 42, Vernon 41, Nelson 41, Kootenai 41, Calgary 40, Edmonton 40, Winnipeg 39, Regina 38, Toronto 38, St. John 37, Halifax 36.

All About June and Jimmy's Magic Merry Christmas Chapter 24—Jimmy Zips the Zipper

## 2 Candidates for Army and Navy Post

Major T. R. Wheadon, present chairman, and J. Food are seeking the office of president of the local unit of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada. Election of officers will take place at the forthcoming annual meeting.

W. Crowther was elected first vice-president of the unit by acclamation when nominations closed this week. J. S. Scarfe was named second vice-president by acclamation and J. Crabbe sergeant-at-arms by acclamation.

Ten of the following will be elected to the executive: Albert Down, J. S. Mout, J. A. Anderson, J. H. Warriner, W. G. J. Haswell, A. H. Finlison, J. S. Gill, J. L. B. Claxton, W. T. Lawrie, J. Faxton, C. W. Norton, J. Green, R. C. Pembroke, J. R. Mountain and J. Sutherland Brown.

Three of the following will be elected delegates to the Provincial and Dominion commands: J. S. Scarfe, W. Crowther, G. Duckitt and J. Sutherland Brown.

The final of the club's Christmas billiard handicap meet will be played Monday night at 8.45, with J. Food opposing T. Dunlop.

## GARDEN CITY

The Christmas entertainment of Garden City United Church was held Wednesday evening. The program commenced with games for the primary department, under the convenship of Misses Jean Scott and Catherine Stevenson, followed by a period of games, contests and community singing under the leadership of Rev. W. Allan. An excellent program of music and dramatics was then given, including vocal selections by Kathleen Macham, Alice Lewis and Jocelyn Young; readings by Roy Pudney, and instrumental selections by Jocelyn Young, Jean Scott and Gwen West assisted as accompanists. Prizes were distributed to the school pupils.

The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by an excellent series of moving picture reels presented by D. Flintoff. Refreshments were served by a committee including Mrs. W. P. Brown, also Misses Jean Kampton, Jean Scott, Irene West and Anne Stewart.

The longest snake in the New York zoo is 26½ feet in length.

# CHRISTMAS BUS SCHEDULES

## VICTORIA-DUNCAN-NANAIMO

CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIALS—Tuesday, December 24

Lv. Victoria 9.45 p.m. Lv. Duncan 11.35 p.m. Ar. Nanaimo 12.55 a.m.  
Lv. Duncan 6.00 p.m. Ar. Nanaimo 7.15 p.m.  
Lv. Nanaimo 11.50 p.m. Ar. Duncan 1.15 a.m.

4 ROUND TRIPS DAILY From December 29 Through January 5

Lv. Victoria 9.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.00 p.m., 6.30 p.m.  
Lv. Nanaimo 8.00 a.m., 1.40 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 8.45 p.m.

## VICTORIA-SIDNEY

CHRISTMAS DAY—Wednesday, December 25—Wednesday Service, with 11.15 p.m. replacing 9.15 p.m. from Victoria.

BOXING DAY—Thursday, December 26—Thursday service.

SALT SPRING ISLAND—Regular scheduled service throughout Christmas holiday period.

DEEP COVE—Regular scheduled service throughout Christmas holiday period.

## VICTORIA-WEST SAANICH

CHRISTMAS DAY—Wednesday, December 25—Sunday service, with 11.15 p.m. replacing 10.15 p.m. from Victoria.

BOXING DAY—Thursday, December 26—Sunday service with 11.15 p.m. replacing 10.15 p.m. from Victoria.

KEATING-OLD WEST ROAD—No service December 25 or 26.

## VICTORIA-SOOKE-JORDAN RIVER

CHRISTMAS EVE—Tuesday, December 24—Regular service, plus 6.30 p.m. from Jordan River.

CHRISTMAS DAY—Wednesday, December 25—No service.

BOXING DAY—Thursday, December 26—Lv. Victoria 9.30 p.m. only.

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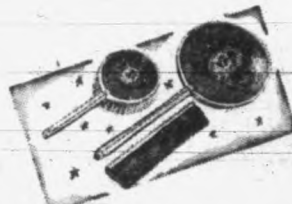
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**BRANTFORD GIRL SHARPSHOOTERS WIN EASTERN CANADA TITLE**—Here is the women's rifle team of the Brant Revolver and Rifle Club which won the eastern Canada title in Dominion competition, and is to shoot off this month with the Calgary club for the Canadian title. The women sharpshooters are, from left:

Gladys Shorter, Jacqueline Rouse, Frances Rouse, Connie Rouse (all sisters), Ruth Rowley, Mrs. G. E. Bertha Henthorn and Mrs. Nancy Lehto. The women scored 1,490 out of a possible 1,500 points, in competition with 219 teams representing 1,533 marksmen. They use 22 sporting rifles.



**GIVE LUNCHEON FOR DISTRICT OFFICER COMMANDING**—Sixty army and air force padres of Military District No. 2, which covers Ontario, gave a complimentary luncheon to Major-Gen. C. F. Constantine, recently appointed district officer commanding, succeeding Major-General R. O. Alexander, now in Victoria as O.C. of the Western Defence Command. Shown chatting in this picture

are, from left, Squadron Leader J. McNab, R.C.A.F. Protestant chaplain; Lieut-Col. G. O. Fallis, senior Protestant chaplain of the district; Gen. Constantine; Major John Knox, senior Roman Catholic chaplain, and Squadron Leader A. E. Charest, R.C.A.F. "Put life in your sermons and stick to the hymn tunes with a lilt," the D.O.C. advised the chaplains.

## Loses His Life



Gordon Scott, 53, Montreal chartered accountant, who was serving as financial adviser to Hon. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply, lost his life when the British steamer Western Prince was torpedoed last week. Mr. Scott and at least six others in a lifeboat containing 26 survivors were lost when the boat struck the side of the rescue ship and capsized. He fell between the ship and the lifeboat while trying to push them apart. The body was not recovered.



**GUESS WHO THEY'RE LOOKING AT!**—One look at the rapt ecstasy on these youngsters' faces should tell you that they are looking at Santa Claus. They were among 200 Dutch children, many of them war refugees, who took part in recent celebration of St. Nicholas Eve, traditional with New York Dutch since the city was New Amsterdam. The party was held at Holland House, centre of Netherlands activity in Manhattan.



**GREEK BAYONETS HEADED THIS WAY**—Valona, above, large Adriatic port in Albania used by Italians as debarkation base for troops from Italy, is now threatened by the unceasing northward sweep of the victorious Greek armies. It is 50 miles up the coast from Porto Edda, from which Greeks recently chased Italians.



**SAYS MARTINIQUE ROOTS FOR BRITISH**—That 80 per cent of the population of Martinique, French West Indies, hopes for a British victory, was declaration of Jacques de Sieres, personal representative in the U.S. of Gen. de Gaulle, head of "Free France." De Sieres is pictured at New York interview, where he made statement.

**TROUBLE AHEAD**—When motorists on German highways approach a gas or rest station and see a yellow and blue signal like that pictured here, they pull up short. The signs are warning that an air raid alarm is in progress.



**"BE GOOD CHILDREN . . . DON'T CRY"**—"Now be good children and don't cry!" That seems to be what the wagging finger of Clem Breen, right, businessman in Shanghai, is saying to the two tearful youngsters of a business associate. The children are aboard a refugee ship, bound for America in compliance with U.S. State Department request to leave the crisis-ridden Orient. Daddy (George Monk) stayed behind in Shanghai.



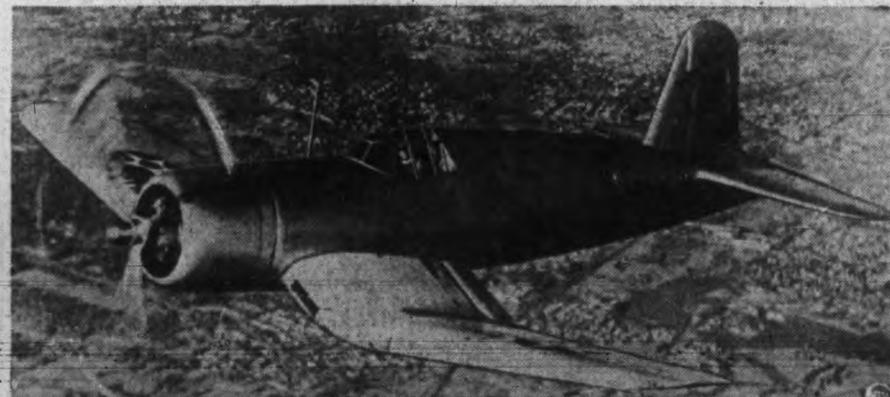
**AFRICANS GREET FORMER ALLIED GENERALISSIMO**—Gen. Maxime Weygand, left centre, who commanded the Allied armies before the fall of France, is welcomed by tribesmen and French officers at Rabat, French Morocco. Gen. Weygand, who was sent to France's North African colonies as representative of the Vichy government, is accompanied by Gen. Auguste Nogues, French resident-general of Morocco.



**"HELLO, MUMMY . . . WE'RE WELL AND HAPPY . . . OVER HERE"**—"New York is lovely; we've been on picnics and parties!"—"You'll be glad to hear that Mitzi had three puppies." Little snatches of inconsequential gossip? Yes, but the gladdest sounds parents and children ever heard—part of the short-wave radio program from refugee children in New York to parents in London. Here, Rona and Neville Whitaker laugh for joy at the sound of their parents' voices. But it was too much for brother Allan, right. He's dissolved in tears. Announcer is George Hicks.



**SHEFFIELD MEANS STEEL, SILVER, AND BOMBS**—The name of Sheffield, England, has for years been a world-wide trademark for silver and steel. Now it may become the word used to describe the pulverizing power of bombs. Last week Nazi Field Marshal Goering's bombers again hurled their full force of death on the city. Here is a view of Sheffield's residential section before the raid.



**"FASTEST U.S. PLANE"**—"Fastest airplane in the United States today" is what Rear Admiral John Towers, chief of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, calls the new Vought F-4U, pictured above in flight. The new plane, a long-range fighter intended to escort the navy's medium bombers, attained a level-flight speed of more than 400 miles per hour during recent tests at Anacostia, Md.



**TRAINEES LEARN GAS WARFARE**—Gas masks and gas are becoming familiar to the boys at all military training camps. The boys feel quite comfortable with their masks on, but they weep when they try tear gas without the masks.



## Sport Shots

## Godoy To Get Run-around?

## Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

BASKETBALL, box lacrosse, auto racing and any sport that produced speed and action lost an enthusiastic supporter Thursday in the death of Hubert Lock. Associated with the Canadian Press, Lock was a keen follower of sport and for that reason we will miss him like one of our own. Many the friendly argument the writer has engaged in with "Hub," as he was popularly known to his many friends, over the merits of some respective athlete or team. Lock was always a great lover of speed and for that reason he liked nothing better than to attend auto or speedboat races. To his widow and parents we add our expression of sympathy as we write "30" to the career of a friend taken away all too soon.

Recent release by the Pittsburgh Pirates National League ball club of Paul Waner was a sad blow to every one associated with the major circuit. It does not mean that the elder Waner is finished as a major leaguer, although he will be 38 when another campaign rolls around and was forced to wear glasses last season.

Big Poison, called that though he stands only 5 feet 8½ and never weighed more than 160 pounds, hit .290 in 89 games in 1940, and would be useful to several big league outfits as an extra outfielder.

He was the Willie Keeler of his time. He really hit them where they were not, but he has been fading for the past three summers.

Waner was Papa Bill Klem's favorite person... the umpire's ideal.

Big Poison never squawked. If a ball was close enough to the plate to be called a strike, it was close enough to be hit. The umpire was in the best position to see on the bases.

Waner recited Klem's favorite story in discussing players kicking about third strikes.

Back in the old Chicago Cub days of Frank Chance, Wildfire Schulte was ordered to take two strikes. Called out on a third, Schulte, a quiet, orderly fellow, turned for the bench in a manner that made it plain he considered Umpire Klem correct. Chance wasn't particularly fond of athletes who admitted they were out, so the Peerless Leader met Schulte half-way and demanded that he register a protest. Always a soldier, Schulte knelt back to Klem, and, according to the umpire, this is what he said: "I just want to explain, Bill, that I took the first two for Chance and the last one for myself."

While Waner was inclined to agree with Ty Cobb that no pitcher ever could throw three consecutive balls over the corner of the plate, he allowed for the umpire drawing a fine line.

Early in his illustrious career, Waner was convinced that batters who wait with two strikes on them frequently take the long walk back to the drinking fountain.

"My test of good hitting," asserts Waner, "is to hit the ball pretty square about eight out of 10 times. If a batter does this, I contend he'll be good for a .350 average. A good hitter is standing right at the plate. He's stepping into the ball right. He's swinging right."

Waner did everything he tackled well. He was a champion left-hand golfer... a crack shot... a great hunter.

"To be done correctly and well, a thing must be done naturally," he adds.

Paul Waner, a little gentleman, was a natural from the spring day in 1923, when he broke into professional baseball as a pinch-hitter, and won a game for the San Francisco Seals with a home run with two on in the 11th inning.

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## Spidery Jenkins Gives Zivic Plenty Rough Time

## Benefit Turkey Shoot Tomorrow

Mister Shooter—remember tomorrow!

It is the day when the Victoria Skeet and Gun Club will endeavour to give the Red Cross a helping hand through the medium of a monster turkey shoot.

The big Christmas event will take place at the club's grounds on Albert Head Road, 10 miles from the City Hall.

Rain or shine the show will go on.

First shots at the clay birds sprung from the skeet and trap houses will be fired at 9:30. It is a day-long affair.

A large flock of turkeys—dead of course—will be presented as prizes.

This is not only an event for shooters, but for nonshooters, too. There will be prizes for both classes to vie for.

Invitations to participate in the classic have been sent to all scatter-gun marksmen on the island and the expectation is that club grounds will be visited by the largest crowd in the organization's three years' history.

It should be a fine party and one that should reap a healthy harvest of silver for the Red Cross, an organization, the gun club officials say, that deserves all the help it can get.

Lunch and refreshments will be served on the grounds. Guns and ammunition will be available.

On Monday night at the Olympic Alleys a turkey competition will be held for all Commercial League bowlers, starting at 7.

The team standings follow:

**A DIVISION**

W. L. Game High 3 Totals
Canadian Industries Ltd. 24 12 910 2679 29168
Monarchs 22 14 976 2691 30412
Palmer Dairies Ltd. 20 16 937 2546 29144
Sussex Cafe 19 17 942 2665 29492
Sandus Mortuary Ltd. 18 20 924 2545 28212
Wanderers 14 22 870 2469 28264
Canadians 14 22 856 2420 27470
Fletchers No. 1 13 23 1006 2697 28858
Begg Motor Co. 11 25 933 2471 26174

**B DIVISION**

W. L. Game High 3 Totals
Modern Shoe 28 8 914 2619 29371
Times 26 10 948 2697 29570
Tillicum A.C. 22 14 932 2529 27764
Scott & Peden B. 19 17 877 2371 26872
Pollard Construction 15 21 801 2323 26914
Adanacs 13 23 878 2530 27544
Northwestern Creamery 13 23 873 2515 27773
Scott & Peden A. 12 24 850 2268 24101

**PLAYER AVERAGES**

The 10 leading bowlers in the individual averages follow:

**A Division**

Player	Games	Aver.
H. Paulding, Fletchers	17	186
W. Johnston, Sussex	36	181
W. Hancock, Sussex	33	178
C. Holmes, Monarchs	36	177
P. Sherritt, Sands	33	176
W. Thatcher, C.I.L.	26	175
C. Beltrage, C.I.L.	5	175
C. Marks, Monarchs	36	174
F. Barrie, C.I.L.	34	173
J. Lynch, Palm	28	173

**B Division**

Player	Games	Aver.
A. Borthwick, Northwestern	29	178
A. Spouse, Modern Shoe	36	171
E. Ruell, Modern Shoe	27	170
R. Knott, Times	7	170
T. Nute, Modern Shoe	21	169
J. Caddell, Times	33	169
W. Mowat, Adanacs	33	168
P. Dillabough, Northwestern	32	168
D. Hurdle, Tillicum	27	167
G. Robertson, Times	36	165

**Leafs Meet Amerks**

Some amazing things will have to happen if Montreal Canadiens are to finish up in fourth place in the National Hockey League standing coach Dick Irvin predicted they would at the start of the season.

It is still within the realm of possibility for Canadiens, but with one third of the season gone and the team in last place the chances do not look so bright.

The Habits play Boston Bruins in Montreal tonight and the Bruins are in third place.

It has been an oddity for the past half-dozen seasons that no matter how poor the Habits were, they always managed to give the Bruins a battle. This year they have beaten the Bruins once and their other game ended in a draw.

Their contest tonight is one of five scheduled for the week-end. New York Americans and Toronto Maple Leafs engage in two contests, the first tonight in Toronto

and then in New York tomorrow night. The Bruins play tomorrow night at Detroit while New York Rangers take on the Black Hawks at Chicago in another Sunday night clash.

**Phelan Reappointed Washington Coach**

SEATTLE (AP) — Coach James (Jimmy) M. Phelan was reappointed football mentor at the University of Washington yesterday, athletic director Ray Eckmann announced.

TORONTO (CP) — Norman (Baby) Yack of Toronto, former Canadian bantamweight boxing champion, was fined \$100 and costs or one month in jail when convicted by Magistrate R. J. Browne yesterday of having 36 bottles of liquor illegally.

John Poseropko, arrested on a similar charge with Yack, was acquitted.

**Final Awarded West**

MONTREAL (CP) — The Canadian senior basketball five-game final will be played in western Canada starting April 23, it was announced last night by Roy MacKenzie, secretary of the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association.

The winner of the New Brunswick-Nova Scotia series will meet winner of the Quebec-Ontario series in a two-game series April 12 and 14, the winner to meet Ontario April 16, 17 and 19.

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Children, 1:00  
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## HOCKEY PRACTICE

Victoria Durol Raiders will travel to Nanaimo tomorrow morning for a hockey practice. The bus will leave the Blue Line Depot, Yates Street, at 9:30.

Following players are asked to be on hand: Curry, Dumont, Fontana, Cullin, Scott, Ritchie, Anderson, Hibbert, McGill, Duke, Stevenson, Morgan, Lewis, Range, Cranston, Smith, Lawrence, Sutherland, Barnett and Sykes.

**Torchy Peden Back in Town**

To spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Peden, 820 Princess Avenue, Torchy Peden, king of the six-day bike riders, has arrived back in town. The big red-head plans to spend three weeks at home, following which he will return east for races at Buffalo and Cleveland.

Peden's last ride to nowhere took place at Chicago where he crashed through to victory. In another appearance at Montreal he finished second. "Partnered with a young fellow taking part in his first race I figure that second as good as a win," Torchy said today. Torchy also registered a victory in the race at Washington early in the fall.

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## City Leading Construction

Five new homes and a rooming house improvement project highlighted city building for the week ending today. Sixteen undertakings were started with a total value of \$32,645. The amount put the city well above adjoining municipalities both in volume and value, with Oak Bay running second and Saanich third. There was virtually no new activity in Esquimalt.

A wharf repair job for the C.P.R. and one new home were among projects for which permits were issued today in Victoria. James McDonald Construction Co. Ltd. is listed as contractor for the dock and Steve Flannigan is building the house, a \$3,750 five-room structure at 1019 Gillespie Place, for George Hartnell.

Oak Bay issued four permits for new dwellings with a total value of \$14,580.

V. L. Leigh, 592 Beach Drive was issued a permit for a seven-room \$4,200 house and A. W. B. Jones, 2343 Beach Drive, took out a permit for a seven-room dwelling to cost \$4,200.

A permit was issued J. N. D. Hutchinson, 1638 Wilmoir Place for a five-room \$3,300 house, and the fourth went to H. R. Brown, 2421 Florence Street, for a four-room dwelling to cost \$2,880.

Six permits valued at \$5,300 were issued in Saanich this week, two of them for dwellings.

Charles C. Longman took out papers to build a \$1,600 four-room home on Cadillac Avenue. Robert Brown was issued a permit to build a \$1,500 four-room dwelling on Sayward Road.

Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons will be the speaker at the annual dinner of the Kipling Society, which will be held in Spencer's dining-room at 7 on December 30, the date of Kipling's birth. A Kipling program of songs, readings and recitations has been arranged. Among those taking part will be Miss Dorothy Davies, K. C. Symons, James McGrath and Phillip Hughes.

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We apologize for any inconvenience which we have caused you so far, but feel that in a short time we will be back on our regular and prompt schedule. We would suggest that you place a standing order with us for your requirements and we will arrange to give you regular delivery as you require it.

We would like to say a few words as to the reasons for any delay which people have experienced in obtaining sawdust. About a month ago, a number of dealers, through no fault of their own, were wholly or partly deprived of their supplies due in some cases to their mills cleaning up their hemlock stocks for the end of the year, also one small mill burnt down.

In order to try to fill the gap thus created, we took as many orders as we could handle from their customers, but later, realizing that our own business had grown to a point where it would take most of our present large supplies to handle our own customers, we discontinued taking orders except from them only. In a very short time we will be back to normal again for, in addition to our large storage stocks, the Manning Lumber Mills Ltd. will be back in production as they are now down for seasonal repairs. As regards the other dealers, we feel that after the first of the year, they too, will be back with their usual supplies.

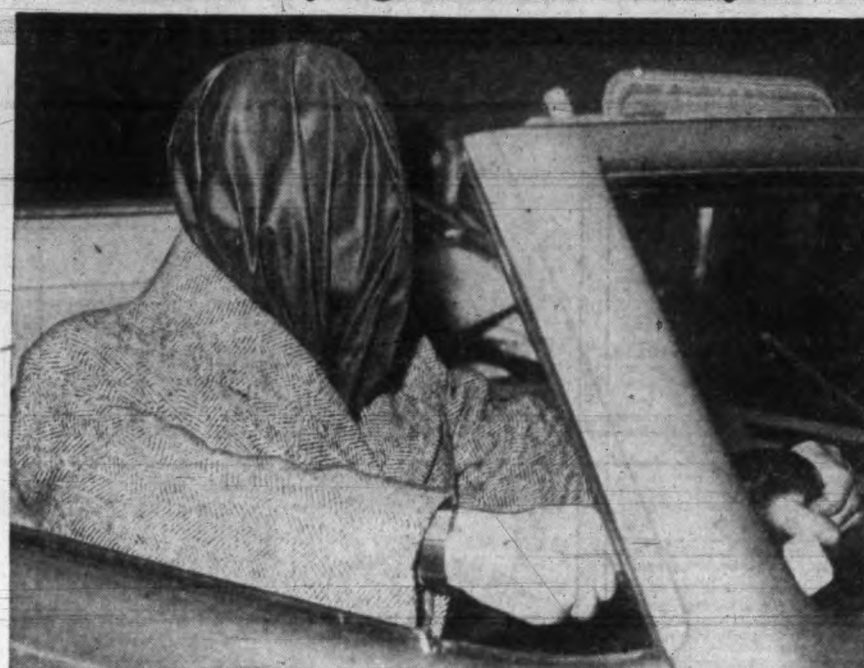
To those other sawdust customers who have not been able to obtain supplies, do not be unduly alarmed, as you will find that your burner will burn wood quite satisfactorily. If you do not understand how, we suggest that you call up the firm or individual from whom you purchased the burner and obtain directions.

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## In Death-defying Stunt Monday



Victoria will witness a daring exhibition Monday afternoon

when William Harkness, the Houdini of Canada, makes a 50-mile-an-hour drive through the busiest sections of town, blindfolded and hooded. In the above picture Harkness is shown ready for the drive.

The local magician, who has thrilled and puzzled audiences in various parts of the United States and Canada with his clever escape and magic acts, has offered to make the drive as a publicity stunt in the selling of tickets on a \$2,000 diamond brooch, which is being sponsored by the Rotary Club. The entire proceeds will be added to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

Harry W. Black, 1st D.C.O.R., Nanaimo, reported to police that in driving west on Michigan Street and turning to go south on Government Street last evening he swerved to avoid an accident with another car and got into difficulties. A B.C. Telephone pole-wire cover, the boulevard and a lawn were damaged. The left front fender and front spring of the car were also damaged.



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The drive is being sponsored by J. Carl Pendray, president of the British-America Paint Company, and the Beggs Motor Company, which will supply the car for the stunt.

Magician Harkness will be blindfolded and hooded by Mayor Andrew McGavin at the Paint Supply Store, Yates Street, at 2:30 Monday afternoon. He will carry a message from the mayor to Chief of Police John McLellan. His route will be from the store up Yates Street to Blanshard to Fort, to Government Street to Fisgard Street and the police station. He will leave the police

## Totalitarian Effort Needed

With the world in flames there is far too much complacency in the English-speaking Commonwealths, Sir Evelyn Wrench, founder of the Overseas League and the English-speaking Union, told the Overseas League in a luncheon address at the Empress Hotel this afternoon.

"The only way to beat totalitarian Hitler is by totalitarian effort by the British Empire," the British publicist said.

"We have got to match Hitler in his efficiency 100 per cent and when we accomplish that I for one am confident that final victory will be ours."

While praising the great effort put forward by Canada since the outbreak of war, particularly in its naval and military contribution and in the air training scheme, Sir Evelyn felt that this country was not yet organized on the same totalitarian basis of Germany. He thought shipbuilding could and should be developed on a greater scale in Canada, with its marvelous resources, its skilled workers and its great coastline.

Up to the present the British had paid for everything they got from the United States, he said. The United States had not yet given anything, but Sir Evelyn said the attitude of Americans was changing as they realized that Britain was in the frontline trenches fighting the battle.

Even the isolationists now wanted to extend aid to Britain. But in the United States also there was too much complacency, Sir Evelyn said. There was too much "business-as-usual." They were inclined to sit back like a crowd watching a prize fight, confident that things would come out all right.

Now, however, the people of the United States were awakening to their danger and were exerting themselves to put their country in a proper state of defence.

## IRISH BASES

Hailing from northern Ireland himself, Sir Evelyn holds strong views on the refusal of Eamon de Valera's refusal to give Britain naval bases on the Irish coast to more effectively fight the submarine menace.

"I would urge that every Irishman in the Empire send a telegram to De Valera urging him to lend Britain these bases for the duration," he said.

He confessed he was ashamed of southern Ireland.

Owing to the prevalence of much sickness, the Christmas dinner annually held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Quinn, Esquimalt Road, through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, has been postponed. Arrangements are being made to send out the usual Christmas meal to those who are sick.

station after delivering his message and receiving a message from the chief for Mayor McGavin, and proceed to Douglas, to Fort, to Blanshard, to Yates and to Paint Supply Store.

The car will be preceded by motorcycle policemen with sirens screaming. It will be an open-top model.

This will not be the first time Mr. Harkness has made such a breath-taking run. Four years ago he won two races, one in Reno, Nevada, and the other in San Francisco, at conventions of magicians, driving blindfolded. In both races there were two other contestants. The races were through busy sections of the cities.

## TOWN TOPICS

St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church Sunday school Christmas tableau will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday at 3 and on Monday at 8.

In the City Police Court today motorists were fined \$45. Two paid \$10 each for speeding, while 10 others were fined \$2.50 each for parking infractions.

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Business and Professional Women's Club scheduled for Monday has been postponed until December 30 at 8 p.m.

Commissioner Sidney R. Bowden, retiring member of the Esquimalt Police Commission, was thanked last night for his untiring efforts in the interest of the municipality at the last meeting of the board this year.

Donations from the Langford Women's Institute amounting to \$44.60 and from the Saanich municipal employees totalling \$100, were acknowledged by officials in charge of local collections for the Lord Mayor's Fund today. The Saanich contribution is part of the receipts from the annual ball.

Two youths, aged 11 and 12 years, were caught in the act of prowling cars at the rear of the Atlas Theatre last night. Constable Tom Stevenson found them trying to sell two pairs of pliers and other articles they had stolen from the cars at a gas station.

A fire believed to be of an incendiary origin was brought under control in the Willows fair grounds' stables last night before any great damage was done. Two west side stables near the Henderson Road and Carnarvon Street entrance were damaged by the flames. There were no horses in the stables.

## Invited to Concert

An invitation is extended to members of the services who have come home for the holidays and their wives to attend the Civic Christmas "cheer up" concert at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium tomorrow evening commencing at 8.

The doors will be open at 7.45 and civilians will be barred from entrance unless they are accompanied by a member of the services. The following artists have volunteered their services for the occasion: Miss Violet Fowkes, "Pette Ballerinas"; Lillian Crabbe, singing Ferryboat Serenade; Phyllis Strood, song; Frances Gray, song; Holly Rowse, song; Margaret Crabbe, song; Pte. Caldwell, song; Miss Sheila McMahon, ventriloquist; Pte. Sam Gordon, song; L.C.R. Elliott, song; Kay Burns and Betty Cuth, dance revue; Frank Lavery, Victoria's one-man-band; Miss Mabel Irvine's orchestra featuring an exhibition of Canadian quadrille and Christmas carols. Rogers (Curly) Peruller will again officiate as master of ceremonies and will conduct a quiz contest during the evening.

## Obituaries

## Burwash, Famed In North, Dies

COBBOURG, Ont. (CP)—Major Lachlan Taylor Burwash, 66, who flew to the Magnetic Pole in 1931 and was one of Canada's foremost authorities on the Arctic, died at his home outside Cobourg today.

Major Burwash, "Lockie" to his friends, succumbed to pneumonia which followed a heart attack two weeks ago.

Major Burwash was connected with the Dominion Department of the Interior for some time, holding positions as inspector of mines at Klondyke and mining engineer of Yukon Territory. He served as secretary to the Ontario Department of Highways in 1920 and 1921.

The north country was Major Burwash's "home grounds." The rest of the Dominion was "civilization" to him and he once said "I can't stand civilization." In 1928 he began a search for traces of the ill-fated Franklin Expedition and after months in the frozen north in 1928, 1929 and 1930 he had found sufficient information to map the route of the expedition.

On his air journey to the Magnetic Pole his plane was flown by Walter Gilbert.

Major Burwash headed for the north almost as soon as he had graduated from the University of Toronto's School of Practical Science. He went to the Klondyke as a consulting mining engineer for Chicago interests in 1897, and was in the midst of the gold rush that followed shortly afterwards.

When he had the time, he said five years ago, he wanted to write the story of the Klondyke gold rush "as it should be written." The stories existing now strain too much to give the wild west effect. "The Klondyke was bigger than that."

Five years ago, when he was 60, he headed back for his annual sojourn in the north, that time en route to the Great Slave region to direct development work on gold claims at the mouth of the Yellowknife River. He had spent several months of every year in the north since 1897.

LOCK—Funeral services for Hubert A. Lock will be held on Monday afternoon at 3 from McCall Bros' Funeral Home, Rev. W. J. Sippell, D.D., will officiate. Interment at Royal Oak.

CAMPBELL—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Irene Campbell was held yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Flora Frampton of the First Spiritualist Church, conducting the service at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel. The following were pallbearers: Rev. Walter L. Holder, Reginald Nicholson, J. E. Beales and W. Pollard. Cremation at Royal Oak.

SHERET—The funeral of David R. Sheret will be held on Monday afternoon at 2.15 from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, followed by interment at Royal Oak.

JOHNSTON—Harvey William Johnston, aged 69, died last night at his home, 120 Obed Avenue. Born in Toronto, Mr. Johnston was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and for over 30 years lived in Edmonton, where he established the Edmonton City Dairy. He came to this city four years ago. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon at 1 from McCall Bros' Funeral Home. Rev. T. H. McAllister will officiate. Interment at Colwood.

## Fail to Complete Safe-cracking Job

Persons who broke into the office of the Vancouver Barge Transportation Limited, foot of Fort Street, last night, failed to complete a job of cracking the safe.

Detectives Dave Donaldson and Fearon Woodburn, investigating the case, found that the dial had been knocked off the safe with tools belonging to the premises. It is believed they did not have the proper tools to complete the job of punching out the tumblers.

The only thing missing was safe's dial.

## HOLD DINNER

Employees of the City Hall gathered last night at Spencer's dining-room for their annual Christmas dinner under the auspices of the City Hall Officials Association.

Fifty sat down to the repast and enjoyed the informal program, highlighted by community singing.

Members of the service spoke briefly and were given musical introductions as they rose to their feet by Cecil Heaton, who also played for the choral work.

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He is the father of the former principal of McGill University. Mr. Douglas came here to visit his niece, Miss W. D. Hayter, daughter of Col. H. R. Hayter of Newbury, Berks, Eng.



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In the days of the "flapper" generation, the older folks used to shake their heads and protest that "nothing any good" would ever come of the thousands of young ukulele "bugs." But Cliff "Ukulele Ike" Edwards, in "Flowing Gold" at the Atlas Theatre on Monday, and the man who started it all, has proof to the contrary.

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Those great song hits that inspired you yesterday. Catchy tunes that set your feet tapping... your hands beating out rhythms. Melodies that will weave a world of fancy for you tomorrow. Ragtime... Jazz... live... where does it all stem from? How are those melodic strains conceived? By whom are they composed?

20th Century-Fox takes you down the street that gives the world its greatest songs in "Tin Pan Alley," which stars Alice Faye and Betty Grable today at the Capitol Theatre.

## PENGUIN SONG TO BE HEARD HERE

First march ever written by the late John Philip Sousa, "High School Cadets," will be sung again by Gloria Jean in Universal's "A Little Bit of Heaven," opening Monday at the Plaza Theatre.

Retitled "The Penguin Song," the march was first sung by the 12-year-old star in her debut film, "The Under-Pup." Producer Joe Pasternak may use the number as theme song for all of Gloria's future pictures.

In "A Little Bit of Heaven," Gloria is seen as an obscure little singer who becomes a radio sensation.

## YORK THEATRE

"One Night in Paris," new Alliance picture at the York Theatre, is a swell show. It is packed with the excitement of a trip to Europe.

The cast is excellent. John Lodge and Hugh Williams lead charm and conviction to the leading male roles, and Judy Kelly and Joan Marion are beautiful in the roles of the rival stars.

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In the glamorous days of Imperial Austria there was a palace in Vienna occupied by horses. The unique palace was re-created on a Hollywood motion picture stage when the Imperial stables, adjunct of the Imperial riding school, were photographed in exact replica for "Florian," cavalcade of the fall of an empire, now at Oak Bay Theatre.

## RIO THEATRE

Smiley "Frog" Burnette is recognized as one of the screen's leading comedians in roles such as that which he portrays in Republic's new Gene Autry starrer, "Rovin' Tumbleweeds," Rio Theatre.

## CADET THEATRE

As a girl brought up in China, Dorothy Lamour undertakes what has been called her most important role in Paramount's "Disputed Passage," made from the Lloyd C. Douglas best-seller. Also starring Akim Tamiroff and John Howard, the film now at the Cadet Theatre.

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**ATLAS**—"The Great McGinty," starring Akim Tamiroff.  
**CADET**—Dorothy Lamour in "Disputed Passage."  
**CAPITOL**—"Tin Pan Alley," starring Alice Faye and Betty Grable.  
**DOMINION**—Joe E. Brown in "So You Won't Talk."  
**OAK BAY**—Robert Young and Helen Gilbert in "Florian."  
**PLAZA**—"They Came By Night," starring Will Fyffe.  
**RIO**—Gene Autry in "Rovin' Tumbleweeds."  
**YORK**—"One Night in Paris," starring John Lodge.

## York to Show English Comedy

Youngsters and all those who love boisterous, rollicking fun, are bound to enjoy "Laugh It Off," which opens in the York Theatre Wednesday, Christmas Day. It is very much in the tuneful London music hall manner. It is entertainment from the word "go," right up to the rollicking, frothy end.

In London, Liverpool, Glasgow and Edinburgh the picture has been sold out for weeks, and in each case has been rebooked for indefinite runs.

The theme and background of the film is topical. War breaks out and the head of a troupe of entertainers is called up. This is Tommy Trinder. After a number of mishaps in the style of the recent, but much better than, "It's In The Air." The recruit puts on a show for the soldiers and the production ends on a convulsing but patriotic note.

The sergeant-major in a close-up of his mouth as he barks a command, is a screamingly-funny comedy highlight.

Trinder is supported by Jean Colin, who played the lead in the film version of the Mikado. She is called the prettiest girl in London. Also in the cast are Gerald and his famous BBC orchestra. The Empire Military Band, with the kind permission of the commanding officer, and a host of others.

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The music at the morning service by the choir will be, "There Were Shepherds," and a trio, "Shepherds' Christmas Song," Mrs. C. A. Goodwin, Mrs. R. H. Nash and Miss M. Mitchell. In the evening the choir will sing a group of carols: "In the Bleak Midwinter," "Polish Carol," "In Dulce Jubilo." The ladies' chorus will sing, "Love Came Down at Christmas," and Mrs. H. Wilson will sing "Balvo Loo, Lammey" (Scottish carol, 1600).

**FAIRFIELD**  
Special Christmas music has been prepared for the evening service tomorrow. The choir, under the direction of Miss Isabelle Pike, will render choruses from the "Messiah," as well as other Christmas anthems and devotions.

Rev. N. J. Crees will preach in the morning on "Unto You—a Saviour." His story to the children will be "Christmas Doves." The choir will sing "Christians Awake," the soprano solo being taken by Miss Estelle Clarke. Robert Husband will sing "The Birthday of a King." A boys' choir will sing a Christmas carol.

The musical program for the evening is as follows: "And the Glory," "O Thou That Tellect Good Tidings," with contralto solo taken by Miss Elinore Swain; "There Were Shepherds," soprano solo by Miss Margaret Husband; two descants by boys' choir, "Good King Wenceslas" and "The First Noel"; two carols by the church choir, one a descant, "While Shepherds Watched," and a Polish carol; solo by Miss Elinore Swain, "Cantique de Noel," and the "Hallelujah Chorus."

**ST. AIDAN'S**  
There will be special Christmas music tomorrow. The music for the day will include "O Thou That Tellect," Marjorie Griffiths and choir; "And the Glory," "He Shall Feed His Flock," Miss Barbara Dawson; "Come Unto Him," Mrs. G. Robbins; "The Heavens Are Telling," Mrs. C. McPherson, W. Spence and W. Davies taking trio; piano and organ duet, Mrs. W. D. Gilbert and Percy Boorman; "Silent Night"; "Star of Bethlehem," Mrs. C. McPherson, and the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The annual White Gift service in connection with the Sunday school will be held at 9.45.

## ANGELIC SERVICES

### CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Third Sunday in Advent  
HOLY COMMUNION—8 and 9.30 o'clock  
MATTINS—11 o'clock  
Preacher: The Dean  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH SERVICE—3 o'clock  
EVENING—7.30 o'clock  
Preacher: The Dean

**ST. JOHN'S**  
Corner Quadra and Mason Streets  
Rev. George Riddle, Rector  
8 o'clock—Holy Communion  
11 o'clock—Morning Service  
7.30 o'clock—Carol Service  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
11.30 o'clock—Midnight Communion Service  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
8 o'clock—Holy Communion  
11 o'clock—Christmas Service and Communion  
Preacher at all Services, the Rector

**St. Mary's, Oak Bay**  
Pastor: Rev. A. E. de L. Nunn, M.A.  
Assistant: Rev. Cyril Venables, L.T.S.  
Holy Communion—8 o'clock  
Children's Church and Gift Service—9.45 o'clock  
Mattins and Sermon—11 o'clock  
Carol Service—7 o'clock

**ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH**  
Cor. Liffan Rd. and Richmond Ave.  
The services on Sunday, the 22nd, will be as follows:  
Holy Communion—8 o'clock  
Mattins with Carol—11 o'clock  
Evening—7.30 o'clock  
On Christmas Eve, commencing at 11.30 o'clock, there will be a service of Holy Communion, to be followed by Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and Choral Communion at 11 o'clock on Christmas Day.

**METROPOLITAN**  
Christmas services will be celebrated tomorrow. In the morning Dr. Whitehouse will preach on "The Light Which Lightens Every Man." Anthems by the choir will include, "In the Beginning," with Mrs. T. H. Johns taking solo parts; and "Sing O Heavens," solo part, Miss Dorothy Parsons. Choral service in the evening by the choir with selections, "Comfort Ye," "Every Valley," "And the Glory," "Thus Saith the Lord," "But Who May Abide," "Behold a Virgin," "O Thou That Tellect," "For Behold Darkness," "The People That Walked," "For Unto Us," "There Were Shepherds," "And Lo the Angel," "And the Angel Said," "And Suddenly," "Glory to God," "Rejoice Greatly," "Then Shall the Eyes," "He Shall Feed His Flock," "Come Unto Him," "Hallelujah"; Edward Parsons, organist; Frank Tupman, conductor; soloists, Dorothy Parsons, Ruth Bawtinheimer, James Oakman and Leslie Harpworth. At 3 Sunday scholars and scholars from the Chinese and Japanese schools will present a pageant, "The Glory of the Star." The cash gifts from the service will be given to the Princess Elizabeth Fund for British children sufferers from war conditions.

**CENTENNIAL**  
Christmas services tomorrow will be conducted by Rev. John Turner, the choir contributing special music at 11 and 7.30. In the morning the anthem, "Christians Awake," will be sung, with solo parts by Mrs. J. Prisk, solo, "O Babe Divine," Mrs. F. Greenway; anthem, "Cherubim Song." In the evening, John West's Christmas Cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," will be presented under the direction of J. W. Buckler, with Mrs. Paul Green at the organ and Miss Gertrude Riche at the piano. The cantata is composed of the following numbers: "Bethlehem, O Bethlehem," "O'er Salem's Towers and Zion's Steep," "O' Lonely Watchers," "A Light From the Land Immortal," "Good Tidings of Joy I Bring," "And Lo With the Radiant Angel," "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "In Bethlehem's Ancient City," "And the Shepherds Made Known the Story," "Now O'er the Plains at Break of Day," "Rejoice Ye Nations," "Ye Sad and Heavy Laden"; chorus, "Christ the Lord Is Born." Offertory selection, organ and piano duet.

The Sunday school will meet at 9.45.

**OAK BAY**  
Christmas services will be held tomorrow, both morning and evening. Rev. F. R. G. Dredge will deliver appropriate sermons on "He Sent His Son" and "Born a Saviour."

Special music will be given at both services. In the morning the choir will sing "The Cherubim Song" and the Polish carol, "Infant Holy" and Miss Catherine Denison will sing "A Star Was His Candle." For the evening the following anthems will be given: "Sweetest Than Songs of Summer," "Sing, O Heavens," "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel," Miss Mary Sinclair will sing "He Shall Feed His Flock" and Wilfred Demers will sing "Nazareth." Pictures on the life of Jesus will be shown in the Sunday school room at the close of the evening service.

A service will be held Christmas morning at 10.

**BEIMONT**  
White Gift and Christmas service will be combined at 11, with the Sunday school worshipping with the congregation. Gifts suitable to the Red Cross will be acceptable. Rev. Bryce H. Wallace will preach on "The Contrasts of Christmas." The choir, under the direction of Miss D. Bailey, will render "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem" and "Angels From the Realm of Glory." Carols and familiar hymns will be sung. Soloists will be Miss Joyce Bishop, Mrs. C. Hardy and Albert Parfitt.

In the evening the service will be conducted by the young people of the church. The pastor will speak on "Christmas and Youth" and the choir will render "All This Night Bright Angels Sing" and several of the old carols.

**VICTORIA WEST**  
At 11 tomorrow morning the Sunday school will join the congregation in a Christmas service. Rev. C. D. Clarke will present an object talk on "The Message of a Gift." The choir will sing the anthem, "Sing, O Heavens," and the solo, "The Gift," will be sung by Mrs. Mawer.

A special service will be held at (Turn to Page 20, Col. 5)

## Anglican

**CHRIST CHURCH**  
Tomorrow there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 8 and 9.30.

The dean will preach morning and evening on the appointed lessons from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

In the afternoon at 3 a gift service will be held to which children of the city are invited to bring their gifts to the starlight Christmas tree.

**ST. BARNABAS'**  
Fourth Sunday in Advent services will be as follows: Holy Communion at 8, Choral Eucharist and sermon at 11, evensong and sermon at 7.30.

Daily at 8, Holy Eucharist and on Wednesday at 8 a special service of intercession is held on behalf of all mankind engaged in the present conflict.

**ST. JOHN'S**  
Rev. George Biddle will be the preacher at all services. Topic for the morning will be "The Morning Star" and for the evening service "And This Is the Sign." A retiring offertory will be taken for the Christmas hamper fund. Young people visiting and members of the forces are invited by the young people to a social hour after the evening service.

In the evening there will be a Christmas carol service, with special music. At 7.10 Ian Gallford will give an organ recital. It will consist of choral preludes on "Adeste Fideles," "Silent Night" and "Grand Choeur."

On December 24, Christmas Eve, there will be a midnight communion service, beginning at 11.30. Services on Christmas Day will be: Holy Communion at 8; Christmas service and communion at 11, sermon topic, "God Hath Spoken."

**ST. MARY'S**  
Services at St. Mary's, Oak Bay, tomorrow will be celebration of Holy Communion at 8, matins and sermon at 11, when Ven. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn will preach. At 9.45, children's Christmas carol and gift service. Members of the Sunday school have been asked, wherever possible, to take a gift suitable for the children at the Queen Alexandra Solarium. The service will be chiefly the singing of Christmas hymns and carols with a short address by W. C. Gelling. At 7, shortened evensong and carol service during which the choir will sing.

On Christmas Day at St. Mary's, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6.45, 8, 9.30 and noon; matins and sermon at 11, Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn, preacher.

On Thursday (St. Stephen's Day) there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30.

**ST. ALBAN'S**  
Services tomorrow: Holy Communion and sermon at 11, evensong at 7, Sunday school at 10.

Christmas Eve: Holy Communion at 11.45, celebrant, Rev. Cyril Venables.

On Christmas Day: Holy Communion at 8, carol service and Holy Communion at 11. In Jubilee Hospital chapel Holy Communion at 8; children's service at Protestant Orphanage at 9.30. Rev. F. Comley.

**ST. MARK'S**  
Holy Communion at 8 and matins at 11, sermon, "The Advent of Our King." At 7 there will be a candlelight carol service with special music. St. Marks orchestra assisting. Carols and hymns will be sung. Rev. Owen L. Jull will be in charge of the services.

**ST. COLUMBA**  
Services will be held tomorrow as follows: Holy Communion at 9.30, Sunday school at 10, evensong at 7.30; Rev. Canon H. V. Hitecock, rector. On Christmas Day, morning service with Holy Communion at 9.30.

**ST. PAUL'S**  
Services tomorrow: Holy Communion at 8.30, matins and sermon, "Days of the Son of Man" at 10.30, evensong and sermon, "A Mother's Faith" at 7.30. Dr. W. C. Western will be in charge of all services.

**ST. SAVIOUR'S**  
Services tomorrow will be as follows: Sunday school at 10, matins and sermon at 11, carol service at 7; preacher H. H. Smith.

**ST. MICHAEL'S, ROYAL OAK**  
Services tomorrow will be as follows: Holy Communion at 8, Sunday school at 10, matins and Holy Communion at 11; Rev. H. V. Hitecock in charge.

Services on Christmas Day: (Turn to Page 20, Col. 5)

## Other Denominations

**EMPIRE MINISTRY**  
Tomorrow night Rev. S. R. Orr will give his farewell lecture before departure for New Zealand and will take as the background of his subject the implication of President Roosevelt's recent remark at Warm Springs, "I'll be back in March if the world survives." Can it? Professor Hoffmann's Beethoven Choral Choir of 30 voices will be heard in a program of Christmas music, with solos, duets, quartettes and full chorus. They will offer "Silent Night," "Glory Be to God on High" and "O Holy Night," and the carols "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Away in a Manger."

Miss Winifred Applegate and Miss Jean Earle will be the soloists and in quartette numbers will be heard with Marcus Wicks and Thomas Crabbe. A duet, "Star of Bethlehem," will be offered by Miss Sheila Akenhead and Mr. Wicks.

The lecture on the first Sunday of Mr. Orr's absence will be taken by Premier Aberhart of Alberta.

**ABSOLUTE SCIENCE**  
Tomorrow morning's service will be held at the House of True Prayer, 2815 Fernwood Road, at 11. Subject of lecture, "Isaiah's Bells." The next meeting of the Emerson Club will be January 7 at 8. There will be a healing session and instruction in the Absolute.

**FOURSQUARE GOSPEL**  
Tomorrow at Esquimalt Road, near Head Street, there will be a special white gift service, commencing at 11.15. In the evening at 7.30 a special Christmas service will be observed with carol singing and other musical numbers.

**GOSPEL TABERNACLE**  
"Seven Joys of the First Christmas" will be the worship hour sermon. Rev. Frederic M. Landis, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, at 11 tomorrow morning. "God's Wise Men" will be the theme of the sermon at 7.45. Special Christmas music will be featured in both services. The Sunday school Christmas program will be given at 9.45.

**TRUTH CENTRE**  
Rev. E. M. Smiley will speak tomorrow morning on "The First-born of Many Brethren." The evening subject will be, "The Christmas Consciousness." Special Christmas music at both services. In the morning, "Alleluia" (Mozart), Mrs. R. M. McIntosh, and "Legend" (Tchaikovsky), Jack Griffiths, and in the evening, "O Holy Night" (Adams) Miss Sheila Conway, and "Nazareth" (Gounod), Sidney Chiverall.

## Spiritualist

**FIRST**  
In the Sons of England Hall, Broad Street, at 7.30, Rev. Flora Frampton will speak on "What Is Peace?" At 7.15 there will be a song service and Christmas carols will be sung; Mrs. C. P. Milne, soloist.

At the close of the evening service prayers and flower messages will be given. On Monday at 8 a message circle will be held in the Victoria Women's Institute, 635 Fort Street.

**OPEN DOOR**  
In Room 3, Surrey Block, tomorrow at 7.30, Rev. Walter Holder will give an inspirational address on Christmas. This will be a special carol service with messages at the close. The only meeting next week will be the usual healing and message circle on Thursday at 8, in the church hall, 639 Yates Street.

## Christian Science

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**  
"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Forces?" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon. The golden text is: "Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens: God himself that formed the earth and made it: I am the Lord; and there is none else." (Isaiah 45:18.)

The lesson-sermon also includes the following from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The scientific fact that man and the universe are evolved from Spirit, and so are spiritual, as is fixed in divine Scripture as is the proof that mortals gain the sense of health only as they lose the sense of sin and disease."

Mortals can never understand God's creation while believing that man is a creature. God's children already created will be cognized only as man finds the truth of being. Thus it is that the real, ideal man appears in proportion as the false and material disappears.

## Baptist

**FIRST**  
Christmas will be observed at First Baptist Church tomorrow with appropriate special music and addresses. In the morning Rev. G. A. Reynolds will preach on "Jesus, Teacher, Lord and Saviour," and in the evening will deliver a short address on "The Deeper Meaning of Christmas."

The music program will be as follows: Morning: Organ prelude, "Christmas Fantasia"; choir, "Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn," solo parts by Mrs. A. Coles and Stanley Honeychurch, solo, "Glad Tidings," Mrs. Arthur Dowell; choir, "See Amid the Winter's Snow."

Evening: Organ prelude, "Pastoral Symphony"; choir, "There Were Shepherds," solo part, Mrs. N. Duckworth; quartette, "Christmas Lullaby," Misses Atchison and Mrs. Duckworth; duet, "Glory to God in the Highest," Stanley Honeychurch and Sam Newberry; choir, "Hark! Hark, My Soul," solo parts by Miss H. Barr and Mrs. R. Miller; duet, "Sleep, Holy Babe," Mrs. R. Robinson and Miss Beatrice Jones; solo, "He Shall Be Great," James Matheson; choir, "And the Glory of the Lord."

**EMMANUEL**  
The Christian festival of Christmas will be celebrated tomorrow. At 11 the Sunday school scholars will bring their "White Gifts for the King," which will be distributed to needy families. The congregation may also bring gifts of money or supplies. Rev. T. H. Harris, Vancouver, will preach. In the morning he will be assisted by Donald E. Smith, superintendent of the Sunday school, and special items will be given by scholars. Miss Opal Abercrombie will tell the Christmas story. The choir will sing "Christians Awake."

"Meaningful Words" will be the subject of Mr. Harris in the evening. Carols will be sung and anthems by the choir will include "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," with Mrs. Norris Harwood as soloist; and "Rejoice and Sing," Miss Rosemarie Parfitt will render a sacred solo and carol quartettes will be given by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Parfitt, Miss R. Parfitt and H. T. Zala.

**CENTRAL**  
"God Within the Realm of Human History: Can We Say 'Happy Christmas' While World War Rages?" will be the message based on the Scripture, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see," tomorrow morning at Central Baptist Church. At the evening service at 7.30, the subject will be "The Last Christmas on Earth: The Eternal Purpose Amid Earth's Chaos: A Timely Message." Dr. J. B. Rowell will preach at both services.

There will be a Christmas morning service on Wednesday from 11 to 12, when the message will be, "Christ's First Advent: Consolation Amid Consternation: The True Ground of Rejoicing."

## Salvation Army

**CITADEL**  
Tomorrow's meetings: Kneedrill at 7.30; holiness meeting at 1. Mrs. Adjutant Watt speaking on "The Great Gift"; praise meeting at 3.15, with Christmas music by the Citadel band and Songster Brigade and congregational singing of carols; salvation meeting at 7.30, Adjutant C. Watt on "Christmas Without Christ." Sunday school will be held in the Citadel at 2. The Christmas tree demonstration by the young people will be held December 30 at 8.

**VICTORIA WEST**  
Adjutant and Mrs. J. Habkirk will conduct Christmas services at Victoria West Corps tomorrow. Kneedrill at 9.30; devotional service at 11; company meeting for children and young people at 2 and Christmas carols and music. Come and Worship Christ, the New-born King at 7.30.

**MISSION OF ALEXIS**  
The Mission will meet tomorrow at 1416 Douglas Street. At 7.30 the control "Alexis" will speak on "Following the Star." Christmas carols will be sung, accompanied by the violin, and messages will be given by Mrs. McDermott. Owing to the holiday season, the usual weekly meetings will not be held.

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The Public is invited to use the Christian Science Reading Room and Lecture Library at 115 Bedford Building, 1807 Douglas St.

## Presbyterian

**ST. ANDREW'S**  
Christmas services will be held tomorrow. Rev. J. Lewis W. McLean will take as his morning subject "The Festival of Christmas." In the evening he will preach on "The Blooming Christmas Tree." The sacrament of baptism will be dispensed at the morning service. The choir, under the direction of C. C. Warren, will sing two anthems at the morning service, "Sing, O Heavens" and "Awake, Put On Thy Strength." Mrs. J. L. Lister will be the soloist.

In the evening the congregation will join in the singing of Christmas hymns and carols and hear the Christmas message from the choir. The anthems will be "And the Glory of the Lord," "Cherub Song" and "Hallelujah Chorus." Mrs. F. W. Hawes will take the solo in "O Thou That Tellect" and A. W. Trevett will sing. James Mossop will play a trumpet solo during the offering. The Young People's Society will join with the senior Sunday school at 10.15 in holding a White Gift service.

**VICTORIA WEST**  
Christmas services tomorrow will be conducted by Rev. James Hyde. The sermon text will be from Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a child is born—and the government shall be upon His shoulder." Miss Jean McGowan, soloist. The White Gift service, beginning with carol singing at 7.15, will include solos and chorus singing by primary and senior children of the Sunday school; address by W. Swan on "Offering Christ White Gifts." Sunday school will be held at 9.45 and Esquimalt Sunday school at 2.30, at 1280 Park Terrace. The Sunday school entertainment will be held December 27, beginning with supper at 6.

**KNOX**  
"The Seed of the Woman" (Genesis 3:15) will be the sermon subject of Rev. J. Mackie Niven at 11 tomorrow morning. Sunday school will meet at 9.45.

**ERSKINE**  
A special "open session" of the Sunday school, to which parents and friends are invited, will be held at 11 tomorrow morning.

## CHURCHES OF GOD

**BLANSHARD GOSPEL HALL, 1415 BLANSHARD ST.** Lord's Day, evening gospel service, 7.30. A warm welcome.

**LUTHERAN**  
CHRISTIAN SERVICE WITH CHILDREN. Large hall, 1211 at 11.30. Bible classes, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pastor, Rev. T. H. A. Jensen.

**GRACE-ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**—Blanchard and Quetta. Services Sunday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bible classes, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pastor, Rev. T. H. A. Jensen.

**GOSPEL HALLS**  
OKLANDS GOSPEL HALL, 1815 CEDAR ST. Sunday, 10 a.m. Bible classes, 11 a.m. worship, 12 p.m. Sunday school, 1.30 p.m. gospel service, speaker, Mr. E. O. Olson. Special singing by young men's quartette.

**ROPER HALL, 1608 ROPER ST.** Sunday, 11 a.m., Breaking of Bread; 2 p.m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 7.30 p.m., Gospel speaker, Mr. B. Sutherland, Victoria.

**VICTORIA GOSPEL HALL, 835 PARKERS AVE.** Sunday school and Bible class, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; 7.30 p.m. Mr. Alfred Mac; bright song service, 7.15 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m., prayer meeting. You are heartily invited to all three meetings.

**SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**  
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), 1629 Park St., all First; Sunday meeting for worship, 11.00 a.m.

**SPIRITUALIST**  
FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, 808 FRAMPTON ST. All services, 7.30. Address, Rev. Frampton at 1.30; solo and carols.

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## United Church of Canada

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11 a.m.—"GOOD TIDINGS" 3 p.m.—"Christmas Carol Festival"  
7.30 p.m.—"CHRIST, THE REDEEMER"  
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### Metropolitan United Church

Corner Pandora Avenue and Quadra Street  
Pastor—REV. A. E. WHITEHOUSE, B.D., D.D.  
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES  
11 a.m.—"THE LIGHT WHICH LIGHTENS EVERY MAN"  
7.30 p.m.—Choral Service by the Choir; selections from the "MESSIAH"  
3 p.m.—A Pageant, "THE GLORY OF THE STAR"  
Presented by our Sunday School Scholars and Scholars of Chinese and Japanese Schools

### Fairfield United Church

Corner Moss St. and Fairfield Rd.  
REV. NORMAN J. CREES, B.D., S.T.M.  
11 a.m.—"UNTO YOU—a SAVIOUR"  
7.30 p.m.—"CHRISTMAS DORES"  
7.30 p.m.—SERVICE OF MUSIC

### Oak Bay United Church

Corner Granite and Mitchell Streets  
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES  
11 a.m.—Public Worship  
"He Sent His Son"  
7.30 p.m.—Public Worship  
"Born a Saviour"  
Minister—Rev. F. R. G. Dredge, M.A.

### Centennial United Church

George Road Near Government Street  
Pastor, REV. JOHN TURNER  
Christmas Services  
11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.  
Morning—Choral music and Hymns  
Mrs. F. Greenway  
At the Evening Service, John West's CHRISTMAS CANTATA "THE STORY OF BETHLEHEM"  
Will be presented by the choir.  
Conductor, J. W. Buckler; organist, Mrs. Paul Green; pianist, Miss Gertrude Riche, A.T.C.M.; soloists, Mrs. J. Prisk, Mrs. S. Sweetman, Mrs. W. C. Williams, G. F. H. Palmer, R. Sweetman and W. A. Almond  
Sunday School—9.45 a.m.

### First Baptist Church

Quadra and Mason Streets  
REV. G. A. REYNOLDS, MINISTER  
11 a.m.  
"Jesus, Teacher, Lord and Saviour"  
7.30 p.m.  
Special Christmas Choral Service

### CENTRAL BAPTIST

"We Preach Christ Crucified, Bleed, and Coming Again"  
Pastor, J. B. ROWELL  
CHRISTMAS ADVENT SERVICES  
11 a.m.—"GOD WITHIN THE REALM OF HUMAN HISTORY: CAN WE SAY 'Happy Christmas' While World War Rages?"  
Evening Gospel Service—7.30  
THE LAST CHRISTMAS ON EARTH: The Eternal Purpose Amid Earth's Chaos: A Timely Message  
CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE  
Wednesday, 11 to 11  
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### Victoria Truth Centre

724 FORT ST.  
REV. E. M. SMILEY, Minister  
Sunday, 11 a.m.—"The First-born of Many Brethren"  
Sunday, 7.30 p.m.—"The Christmas Consciousness"  
Tuesday, 7 p.m.—Healing Meeting  
ALL ARE WELCOME

### Gospel Tabernacle

Christian and Missionary Alliance  
1007 YATES ST.  
F. M. LANDIS, Pastor  
11 a.m.  
"Seven Joys of the First Christmas"  
7.45 p.m.—"GOD'S WISE MEN"

### Esquimalt Foursquare Church

ESQUIMALT ROAD AT HEAD STREET  
10 a.m.—Sunday School  
Christmas Services  
11.15 a.m.—White Gift Service  
7.30 p.m.—SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
Come and Sing your favorite Christmas Carol

### PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

848 North Park St.  
E. W. ROBINSON, Pastor  
9.30 a.m.—SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES  
SPECIAL MUSIC BY CHOIR AT BOTH SERVICES  
11 a.m.—CHOIR SELECTIONS, "Vision Resplendent," "Alleluia"  
7.30 p.m.—"A KING SHALL COME," "OUT OF THE NIGHT" and "HIS STAR LEADS ON." Choir of 30 voices, conducted by Wm. Hunt.  
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Quartette . . . Quintette . . . "Silent Night" . . . "Angel Voices Singing"  
Duet: Sheila Akenhead, Marcus Wicks  
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## Letters to the Editor

90 YEARS YOUNG

To the Editor:—Overwhelmed by felicitations from friends in all walks of life, including our Premier, on my having reached the age of 90, I find it impossible to make suitable individual responses by mail. So I take advantage of our newspapers to ask my correspondents one and all to accept my sincere thanks for the great honor they have done me.

JOHN DEAN.

572 Head Street.

### FORGOTTEN?

To the Editor:—For several years we have had a donation of tobacco and cigarettes, sufficient to give a packet to the men who regularly use the rooms on Christmas Day. This year this source of supply is not available. I wonder if some of your generous readers will fill this gap. To bring this token of goodwill to the homeless men who have no other place to go on Christmas Day.

A. H. HUNDLEBY.  
Secretary, Citizens' Recreation Rooms.

### ICE ARENA SCHEME

To the Editor:—Those people who subscribed, or pledged subscriptions, to the arena fund campaign, 1940, are being asked by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to signify their willingness to have the fund used to turn the horse show building in the Willows fair grounds into an ice arena.

This question has been brought up before and turned down, chiefly because the construction of the horse show building does not lend itself to the change for many reasons, anyone who has attended shows staged in the building is fully aware of the restricted vision one would have of the ice area from any seat. This fact together with what is agreed by all authorities, that professional hockey must go with artificial ice to make an arena pay should be enough to stop any move such as suggested. To spend, as suggested, \$35,000 to give Victoria a very poor ice arena, would be a poor enough move in normal times and under present conditions worse still. Money, labor and industry can be much better employed for the next few years and when we are ready to have an arena let us have a good one, even though some of us have gone without our favorite sport for about 10 years. A few more will not hurt us.

A point not to be overlooked is the use to which the horse show building is put now. Over 300 people, young and old, from all walks of life, use the horse show building to follow the sport of horse back riding. Tourists come to Victoria especially for the fine riding offered and many people have located here because of riding facilities available. Hundreds of dollars are raised for local charities by events staged in the building. Would it be fair to rob one group to give to another? A great deal of money is invested in the horses being trained in the horse show building and this would be lost if the building were not available. This year about 10 show horses have been sold to

## Today's Crossword Puzzle



**HORIZONTAL**

1 Famous Russian empress.  
9 She was nicknamed "The..."  
14 Drugs.  
15 Cherry.  
17 Scarlet.  
18 Substance from aloes.  
20 Small flap.  
21 Diet.  
22 Perfumed.  
23 Convent dweller.  
25 Half an em.  
26 Pistol.  
28 Mother.  
29 To lick up.  
31 Parent.  
33 Kind of cheese.  
34 To exist.  
35 Hindustan dialect.  
36 Aromatic berry.  
38 Right (abbr.).  
39 Morindin dye.  
41 Evergreen tree.

**VERTICAL**

1 Company (abbr.).  
2 Dress protector.  
3 Bound.  
4 Possessed.  
5 And.  
6 To respond to a stimulus.  
7 Island.  
8 To eject.  
9 Grain (abbr.).  
10 To soak flax.  
11 Enthusiasm.  
12 Photograph book.  
13 Toward.  
16 Unit.  
19 Upon.  
21 Military title.  
22 To undermine.  
24 Characters.  
26 The major scale.  
27 To spout forth.  
29 Varnish ingredient.  
30 Arguers.  
32 Work of skill.  
34 To be cautious.  
37 Hoax.  
40 River embankment.  
42 Defaults.  
44 Diplomacy.  
46 Form of "be."  
47 Flat plate.  
48 Auditory.  
49 Opposed to warm.  
51 Born.  
53 Pattern block.  
54 Spain (abbr.).  
55 Doctor (abbr.).  
57 Pronoun.  
58 Road (abbr.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle

EDWARD J. JENNER  
EARSE AVERS BIND  
NEE BREVEIS LEO  
G MUS E SINAC  
LEMON ENDLE LEO  
ACE TORMILE LEO  
NOTE CREEL LEO  
O BEAST OAH  
ROREAS ANA  
CAR AGUSTED  
EAS OTTER  
VACCINE NOW

all parts of the continent by Victoria owners and this industry would be lost also. Anyone who knows of the efforts of the British government to keep the light horse breeding industry going in England at the present time will realize we cannot afford to fall behind here in Victoria. Let us have an ice arena, but let it be a good one and not at the expense of another sport.

BOB SHANKS.  
1041 Holmes Street.

Grounds race track, which expired Thursday, ended any chance for racing in New Orleans this season.

Hyman, member of a realty firm representing a group which had bought the track from the Louisiana Jockey Club, said the furnishings would be sold January 2. The purchasers will turn the racing grounds into a real estate development.

## Hockey Standings

	N.E.L.	Goals
Toronto	13 3 0 52	29 26
Detroit	7 5 5 39	33 19
Boston	6 6 3 52	40 15
Chicago	6 7 3 33	38 15
Rangers	6 7 2 42	41 14
Americans	4 9 3 28	51 11
Canadiens	4 9 2 29	43 10

## Ward Heads for California Play

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Marvin (Bud) Ward, admitting "a good deal of success is luck," but confident "it's going to be a different story this winter," left last night for California and the Winter golf tournament trail.

The western amateur and former national amateur champion recalled he "didn't do very good down there last winter—in fact, it was just about the worst golf I've played in five years."

But said he would practice at San Francisco for a week or two, then enter the San Francisco match play open January 15-19, the Bing Crosby pro-amateur event at Del Mar January 25-26, and the western open January 31-February 1-2.

## HOCKEY SCORES

**O.H.A. Senior A**  
London 1, Marlborough 3.  
Oshawa 3, Hamilton 5.  
Port Colborne 1, St. Catharines 4.

**Calgary Junior**  
Parkview 6, Royals 5.

**Saskatchewan Senior**  
Flin Flon 3, Regina 1.

**Manitoba Junior**  
St. Boniface 3, East Kildonan 1.  
Winnipeg C.A.U.C. 3, Winnipeg Falcons 2.

## MAYERS, WRIGHT PLAY FOR LEAFS

VANCOUVER (CP)—Things are getting so bad in the camp of the Vancouver Maple Leafs, Canadian basketball champions,



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## United Church

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7.30 when the Young People's Society, assisted by the choir, will present the pageant, "Followers of the Star," the Christmas message, in four scenes.

### JAMES BAY

The Sunday school "White Gift" service will be held at 11, to which parents and members of the congregation are invited. At 7, Rev. Thomas E. Sawyer, the new pastor, will preach on "Three Peaks That Catch the Dawn." The new choir will sing a Christmas anthem: soloists, Dorothy Smith and Gilbert Margeson, will contribute special numbers.

### WILKINSON ROAD

Christmas services will commence at 10, when the Sunday school and adult Bible classes will meet under superintendence of H. H. Green. Public worship will follow at 11.15 when Rev. W. Allan will minister. Under leadership of D. W. Phillips, the choir will render the anthems: "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings"; also the carol, "Ring, Bells, Ring."

Sunday school Christmas entertainment will be held Monday evening at 6.30.

### GARDEN CITY

Garden City United Sunday school will meet at 2.15, under leadership of Miss Muriel Rudd. Public worship will follow at 3.15 and Rev. W. Allan will preach. With J. Jones conducting, the choir will render the anthem, "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

## Anglican

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Holy Communion at 8 and Holy Communion and sermon at 11.

**ST. JOHN'S, COLWOOD**  
Tomorrow's services: Holy Communion at 8, evensong at 7; Rev. P. J. Disney. On Christmas Day Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9.30.

**ST. LUKE'S, CEDAR HILL**  
Tomorrow's services: Holy Communion at 8, matins and Litany at 11, Festival of Nine Lessons and carols at 7.30; Rev. F. Pike.

St. George's Mission, Cadboro Bay, evensong at 4.

**ST. MARY'S, METCHOSIN**  
Services as follows during the Christmas season: Tomorrow, Holy Communion at 9, carol service and sermon at 3. Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 8, morning prayer and sermon at 11. Rev. H. M. Bolton in charge.

**HOLY TRINITY, SOOKE**  
On Christmas Day at 9.30, Holy Communion, Rev. H. M. Bolton.

**ST. STEPHEN'S, MT. NEWTON**  
Matins and sermon tomorrow morning at 11.30. Rev. R. J. Pierce.

**ST. MARY'S, SAANICHTON**  
Matins and sermon tomorrow morning at 10.30. Rev. R. J. Pierce.

**ST. MATTHEW'S, LANGFORD**  
Services tomorrow: Matins at 11; Rev. P. J. Disney. On Christmas Day Holy Communion at 8, matins and Holy Communion at 11.

## Presbyterian

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Allister, minister. Morning sermon, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; anthem by girls' choir, "The Holy Night"; solo, "O Holy Night"; Miss M. Cerkie; carols by choir; solo, "Hussanah" (De Wayne), Miss N. Peasland; solo, Alice Fuster, and carols. Evening sermon, "Is the Christmas Message Any Value Today?" The choir will repeat the morning program by request, D. R. Park and Mrs. F. Holmes in charge.

that coach Wally Mayers and retired veteran Dick Wright have joined the team as active players. The Leafs, only once beaten in their quest for the Canadian title all last season, lost their third game of the year Thursday night to Tooles 40 to 31. The champs have won five games in the eight played so far.

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AUSTRALIAN TABLE RAISINS, per pkt. 25¢	FRESH CRABS 20¢ and 25¢	WHITE CAULIFLOWER, ea. 17¢
POPPING CORN, 9¢	FRESH HERRINGS 3 lbs. 25¢	WHITE CELERY each 13¢
FRESH CRAN-BERRIES, lb. 28¢	<b>APPLE JUICE</b> ORCHARD CITY 10-oz. tins, 2 for 15¢ 20-oz. tins, each 11¢ 48-oz. tins, each 23¢	FRESH BRUSSELS SPROUTS 2 lbs. 17¢

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## Bela Lanan COURT REPORTER

Decision in the Strange Case of "TOO MUCH HEART TROUBLE"

(Continued from Page 16)

"THE PLAINTIFF" And the high court in the State of California decided that Lula Standish was entitled to damages against the insurance company for their failure to return to her the heart of her dead husband. She asked him for her outraged feelings, mental anguish and suffering, and she got it in a cash settlement of \$1500.

This is one of the most unusual cases on record and the remarks of the court will be of special interest to the reader. Said the court: "There is no rule by which damages may be measured, except that damages in such a case are the amount which will compensate for all the detriment proximately caused thereby. Damages must at all times be reasonable. We are not prepared to say that the failure to return this man's vital organ has caused no appreciable detriment to Mrs. Standish, but only nominal damages can be allowed."

The court held that while the insurance company was in the wrong, there was no evidence of wanton or willful action and this probably kept the damages from being any higher.

This was taken from a true case. Reference of citation may be had by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to "Bela Lanan—Court Reporter."

Starting Next Week

THE STRANGE CASE OF "THE SINISTER SANTA CLAUS"

Don't Miss It—Follow It Daily In This Newspaper.

## B.C. CHILDREN SAVE \$35,000 FOR WAR

British Columbia school children are rallying to the war savings cause and have already subscribed a total of \$35,000, according to announcement by the provincial office of the war savings committee.

Vancouver, with about one-third of the province's school population, leads in total sales, reporting \$15,207 in the three months ended November 30. Twelve schools in Victoria saved \$2,417, while eight schools in the Cowichan district contributed \$1,383.

The Happy Valley school does its savings through a "Stop Hitler Club." Every stamp is referred to as another "nail" in Hitler's coffin.

In Port Moody, school children are given "bank books" to record penny savings until they have enough to purchase a stamp, and the principal of a Merritt school has promised to apply for a school holiday when \$1,000 has been contributed by the students.

## Fair Grounds Track Will Not Operate

NEW ORLEANS, La. (CP)—Morris Hyman said yesterday the failure of an unnamed syndicate to exercise an option on the Fair



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## People Who Are Fighting Britain's 'Air Wave' War



Midnight concert in the canteen of a British munitions works. Performances like this are staged frequently for the entertainment of night workers during rest periods and broadcast to this continent over BBC.



The Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, brother of Queen Elizabeth, as he broadcasts every other Friday afternoon at 5.30 from London over the "Britain Speaks" program.



Private Jack Warner and his "littel gel" Joan Winters, popular team in "Garrison Theatre," one of BBC's overseas short wave programs.

### How You Lose at Contract

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

#### BRIDGE GAME MUST BE PARTNERSHIP TO WIN TITLES

DIDN'T SOMEONE once say, "Women always have the last word?" That is sometimes true in bridge. You may hold a seven or eight-card suit and find that your partner wants to have the last word in the bidding, but you can't win championships unless you recognize the bidding as a partnership.

Here is a nice example of partnership co-operation:

You will note that declarer started bidding with one club, and when her partner bid a heart, declarer bid two clubs, then jumped to four clubs over her partner's two diamonds. When her partner bid four hearts, however, declarer quickly supported the diamond suit, enabling East to bid six. Very few players played the hand in diamonds, most of them insisting upon playing it in clubs, but the new champions not only made six diamonds but an overtrick as well.

♠ 985	♥ QJ87	♦ 82	♣ 765
♠ A42	♥ None	♦ KJ5	♣ A Q 10 9
♠ A Q 10 9	♥ 843	♦ 843	♣ None
♠ K J 6 3	♥ K 5 2	♦ 9 4 3	♣ K J 2
Duplicate—None vul.			
South	West	North	East
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♦
Opening—♠ 3. 19			

The play of the hand was as follows:

East won the opening lead with the 10 of diamonds. A low heart was led in and ruffed in dummy, and East ruffed the return lead of a low club. A second heart was ruffed. A second club ruff put East in again to take out trumps. Then the ace of spades gave entry to run the solid clubs.

### HOROSCOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Benefic aspects dominate today, which is auspicious for good deeds. The stars encourage material as well as spiritual aid to the unfortunate. Philanthropic enterprises are well directed by the planets.

Women may be subject to depressing thoughts and should not look backward while this configuration prevails. This is a favorable rule of the stars for charting new paths of helpfulness beginning with members of the family. Thoughts should be positive and optimistic.

Prosperity will stimulate persons of all classes to develop their talents through careful training. In the economic revolution which has been progressing in recent years social barriers are disappearing. Our future promises splendid achievements to be attained by severe discipline and hard work.

Equal rights for women will be advocated persistently as industry absorbs girls who replace the young men in military services. Among the vanquished peoples of Europe unrest and rebellion will grow through the winter at a rate which will give promise of

future revolutions. The high mortality will be increased by many executions. This will add fuel to the flame of hatred which the dictators fan into threatening blazes. The next few months will come with evil portents for conquerors as well as conquered.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the augury of a year of more than average good fortune. It is well to follow a conservative program of living which avoids extremes of all sorts.

Children born on this day may be combative and inclined to argue. They will be determined and successful through life.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

This should be a fairly fortunate day. There is a dominating benefic aspect presaging good news.

In defence of democracy there will continue to be opposing ideas, even though events are to make a courageous, independent course obligatory.



Philip Noel Baker, M.P., on one of "Britain Speaks" programs.

Closer connections between the British Empire and the United States will prove a great asset for democracy. English astrologers read Jupiter in midheaven as a promising sign in the horoscope of King George VI.



Victoria's Gerry Wilmot, now on the CBC Overseas staff, interviews Britain's top star of stage, screen and radio, Jack Buchanan, for the "Starlight" feature of BBC's North American transmission.

They may be witty as well as ably will be possessed of unusual intelligence and strong character. kindly.



# THE COMIC ZOO

By Scarbo

## LITTLE TOMMY TUMBLE



## HA! HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!!



## JUNGLE GEMS



# Stories in Stamps

RED RYDER

By Fred Harman



ENGLISH POET HELPED GREEKS WIN FREEDOM

ONE of the great heroes of modern Greece is the English poet Lord Byron, who took an active part in the revolt against the Turks. British friendship with Greece dates from this war for independence.

Byron is pictured on the stamp above, arriving at Missolonghi in 1824. The stamp is one of an issue of two commemorating the centenary of Byron's death.

Early travels in the Near East gave Byron a love for Greece, and when leaders of revolutionary factions appealed to him for help, he gave money freely, hurried to join them. He united rival factions, advanced money to pay troops, build fortifications and provide medical supplies. He was eager to lead an army in the field, was offered the post of governor-general.

Before he could attain either ambition, Byron's health broke. He was recovering from nervous attacks when he was stricken with fever, died April 19, 1824. Greece decreed a general mourning of 21 days.

Byron's body was returned to England for burial, but his heart is buried at Missolonghi.



GREECE FOUGHT ROME IN THIRD CENTURY B.C.

GREECE'S heroic defence against Italian invasion adds another chapter to the 21-century-old strife between the peninsula. But there is variety in this 1940 war. Rome has usually been victorious in previous conflicts.

Greece was at the height of its power when the Temple of Apollo at Corinth, ruins of which are shown on the Greek airmail stamp above, was built in 540 B.C. Greek colonies had been established in southern Italy. Greek culture was in its golden age.

Two hundred years later, expanding Rome drove the colonists out of Italy, but Greece did not become a Roman province until after the defeat of the Macedonian kings in 148 B.C. The Greeks backed losers in wars against Rome when they helped Mithridates, Pompey, Brutus and Mark Antony. Rome's hold on Greece was not broken until the Turkish conquest in the 15th century.

Rome has made more recent attacks. In 1912 Italy seized the Dodecanese Islands, and in 1923 Mussolini bombarded and occupied Corfu to obtain indemnity for the assassination of an Italian general.

## STAMP NEWS



ANGLO-GRECIAN friendship is symbolized by the stamp above, bearing portraits of King George I of Greece and Queen Victoria. The stamp commemorates the 75th anniversary of the ceding to Greece of the Ionian Islands, a commonwealth under British protection from 1815 to 1864.

Britain gave up the islands to increase the prestige of George, the Danish prince chosen to succeed the Bavarian, Otto. When Greece won independence, under the protection of France, Otto was chosen to rule. He was ousted by military revolt in 1862.

Greece has announced issue of a stamp to commemorate the victory over Italians at Koritza.

The first Greek stamp is a classic. This issue of seven values picturing Hermes or Mercury in winged helmet, was released in 1861. The same stamp was issued for 25 years and the design remained practically unchanged until the Olympic games issue of 1896.

There are 157 principal varieties of the first type, readily differentiated by paper, quality and color. The rarities are found in difference of color.



PLANES BRING MODERN WAR TO ANCIENT BATTLEFIELDS

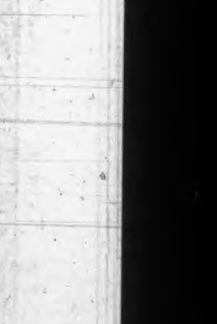
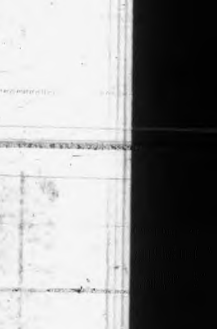
WARPLANES are flying over Greece, as pictured on the airmail stamp above, bringing 1940's conflict to the battle-grounds of dead civilizations.

But most of the planes are British or Italian. The Greek air force has only 120 planes.

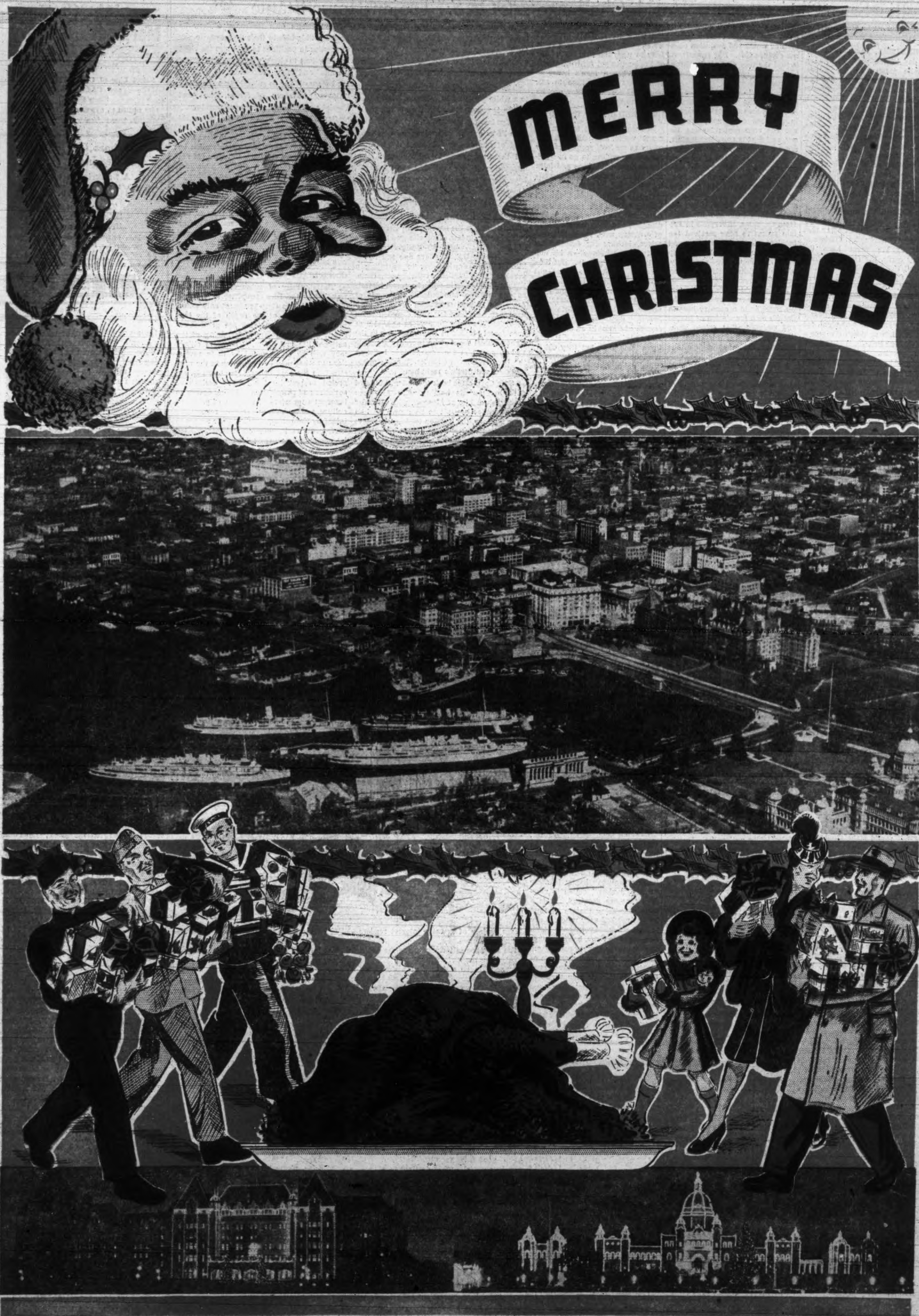
The striking power of Greece is not in the air, but in its skirted Evzones, crack highland regiments, marksmen from the mountains. The Evzones were formed during the revolution of 1821, today have five regiments of light infantry in the Greek army. They are easily identified by white kilts, or "foustanela," and by long-toed shoes.

Greece's army is small, not well equipped. Full wartime strength is estimated at 120,000. Military service is compulsory, including two years' active duty, 19 years in first reserve and eight years in second.

The Greek navy consists of one cruiser, launched in 1910, 12 destroyers, six submarines and other smaller craft. A construction program to increase the navy was interrupted by the war.









# Nellie Sees Christmas as World Challenge

By NELLIE L. McCLUNG  
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CHRISTMAS, more than any day of the year, has had a definite pattern in our minds, made up of white parcels tied with red satin bows, crimson and silver streamers, holly-bells, candles, sparklers, an overloaded mailman coming late, telegrams, visitors, great meals, pyramiding to a grand climax on Christmas night, and then a sigh of relief and a "Thank God that is over for another year" as we gather up the cards, the discarded wrappings, take down the decorations, and settle back to normal living.

In spite of the hurry and the fatigue of Christmas it is a happy time and we tell each other that we must never let Christmas change. We must keep the snowy cards, the fireside scenes, and all the good old customs.

But this year everything has changed. All the old patterns are breaking. When Mr. Churchill said, "There can be no cessation of hostilities on Christmas Day," we knew he was right, for this is a life or death struggle—Britain, our Britain, is either Hitler's greatest victim, or the stronghold of liberty, the world's White Hope of freedom. There can be no compromise.

## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

Christmas is the sign and symbol of our dearest possession, the Christian ideal, the decent way of life. It is not by chance that so many churches have been destroyed by the Nazis—they know that there is some connection between these glittering spires pointing heavenward and the sturdy resistance of the British people.

All their lives Canadian people have been doing many gracious, kindly acts, especially at Christmas time. There always have been dinners and drives and concerts for strangers, dolls and balls and little wagons for orphans; flowers and comforts for the old and the sick; hospitality in homes for neighbors and friends; laughter, music, good fellowship, even the singing of hymns and good conversation, as people recall the "rosy days of youth. All of which is good for the soul and as the immortal author of Pickwick would say, "Our kind hearts have done us credit."

But these things are wholly inadequate at this momentous time when mankind is being weighed in the balance, which tips drunkenly this way and that. Man is young really as God measures time, and his growth is slow, but even the dullest of us know now that we are now making a move. We are like the electric clocks where the minute hand remains stationary until the end of the minute and then goes forward.

God knew what He was doing when He gave man free will. He knew it would make trouble and that the world would be harder to run than a menagerie, but being all-wise and all-powerful He knew that all would come right in the end.

## BEAUTIFUL CREATION

He must have known this, and that is a comforting thought. It is comforting, too, in these hard days to remind ourselves that God has taken great pains to make the world a beautiful place. We see that when a snowflake falls on our coat sleeve and we observe its delicate symmetry. We see it in the way the seeds of a flower are packed in their little pods. We see the touch of artistry when we examine the head of wheat, with each grain as neat as a baby's fingernail.

The thought of God's infinite care comes to me as I look out on this boisterous December day, with the cold rain streaking the windows and a crying wind coming down the chimney. The fire of arbutus roots burns green and blue, and gold, in a prodigality of color. I find comfort, too, in the winter jasmine on the veranda, which even now is a mass of golden stars, a little bridge from autumn to spring across the cold expanse of winter. God shows in a thousand ways that He is mindful of us.

But on Christmas Day He challenges us, and never so clearly as in this year of 1940.

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, there came into the world a life destined to change the world. We read in the Gospel story that there was no room for Joseph and Mary in the Inn, and no preparation for the coming of the Child. The world was not ready for Him, and never has been ready, unless it is now when everything else is falling and all

the old securities are going. All down the years evolution has been at work, and evolution does not exclude God. Far from it. It is just the way God works, little by little, and with infinite patience.

I believe the challenge of today is in the need of courage. Britain is an example of courage in the face of danger, because she has courageous leaders we say, and that is true. But leaders must have followers. The courage of Britain is the courage of the humble people. The women who take their turn in the lookouts, though the night is bitter cold; the sailors who go out to sea, braving the danger of shipwreck by mines and bombings from the skies. Everyone in Britain seems to have received the baptism of a great courage and a great generosity of heart. They give all they have—cheerfully gallantly, without self pity or resentment.

If we could catch this vision, we who sleep soundly in our beds, we could build a country here in Canada on a foundation of justice and equality, that would show the nations of the world that we had found the secret of victorious living.

I have no doubt that the Canadian people would put up as stiff a defence as the people of Britain, if we were put on the spot. What we need now is the imagination to see that we are on the spot. But not being actually in the battle zone we have an added responsibility and a privilege which the people of Britain

are denied. We must think about and work for the sort of world which will bring peace. It is folly to urge the Prime Minister of England to set forth his peace aims. When a man's house is burning is a poor time to ask him what sort of a new one he intends to build.

## HELP BUILD NEW WORLD

But we have time to plan for a new world, and must ask ourselves as we look around us how far we are willing to go in sacrifice to bring back hope and faith and joy to a world that has gone mad with hate.

God has to work through human beings like you and me. Christ left His commission to His disciples, and they were a group of ordinary men, much like ourselves, looking for favors, soft seats, "commissions"—a bit dull and quite a bit greedy. But they received a gift—a great gift which transformed them into extraordinary men who knew no fear. When this new power, the power of God, came into their hearts, they established the church of Christ in an unfriendly and unbelieving world. It cost them their lives, but they did it. Without money or influence, radio or cars, they spread the Gospel. And they wrote a book which still outsells any other book. Ordinary men, with the Grace of God in their hearts! It is well for us at Christmas time to think of these things, for in them lies the solution of our troubles, the only permanent solution.

## MUSIC ON RECORDS

By M.C.

THE CYCLE of Rachmaninoff's works produced last year by the Philadelphia Orchestra is now bearing fruit with the present release of his Third Symphony in A Minor (Opus 44), played on four records and an odd side by the Philadelphians, with the composer himself as the conductor (VM-712). "DM" breaks the slow movement.

About 30 years have elapsed since Rachmaninoff's Second Symphony and his famous Second Piano Concerto. In the interval he has not been inactive, but no truly major work has come from him until the beginning of the present symphony in 1935. This break has served to sharpen his hand and to increase his already firm control over the orchestral medium.

It is an open question, however, whether the interval has afforded any considerable progression in the powers of musical thought. His earlier works were marked by a considerable Tchaikowsky influence which manifested itself in very full orchestration, in a romantic leaning towards strong melody and somewhat obvious emotionalism combined with a delightfully nationalistic Russian inspiration which gave an almost barbaric splendor and sweep to the music.

This new symphony has to a considerable extent forsaken the paths of the Second Concerto. There is often the same melodic richness, but Rachmaninoff's medium has become increasingly complex, and simple lyricism and emotionalism is no longer predominant. And the simple, barbaric splendor has, to my ears, become toned down under the influence of French Impressionism, especially that of Debussy.

## FIRST MOVEMENT BEST

The first movement is perhaps the best in the symphony. It

utilizes a truly memorable cantata which is treated with every possible orchestra coloring, usually in the spirit of embellishment and enrichment rather than development. In spite of various cascades of sound, the mood is generally subdued and autumnal. The slow second movement relies even more strongly on shimmering impressionistic orchestral coloring and is less successful. A contrasting midsection like a military march serves apparently as a scherzo. The third and final movement is more energetic. There are some strongly marked melodies, but Rachmaninoff seems to be anxious to avoid lushness. In the midst of its most lyric interlude, affirmative snare drums in the background warn against sentimentalism.

I suspect that this symphony will disappoint admirers of Rachmaninoff's earlier work, which he had come to think of as his most characteristic. But if one sweeps memory of the Second Symphony and Concerto from one's mind, this work will have its recompenses especially on the repeated hearings which are very necessary.

I cannot help feeling, however, that it is perhaps transition music. Rachmaninoff sometimes seems to wear his impressionistic garments a trifle awkwardly, and he is not always happy in some of the "modern" cathartic manners that are assumed. It is a little distressing that in the end he has not had very much to say in this work. Symphonic literature is not so large, however, that this symphony may not be admitted for the many moments of pleasure that it can give, even though in total it may turn out to be a minor effect. The composer conducts with cleanliness and power. The recording is up to the highest Philadelphia standards.



"I'd like a book on reforestation, please."

## BOOKS: Trojan Horse Stable

A book for all to read in these days of reports of subversive activities is "The Trojan Horse in America" by Martin Dies, chairman of the U.S. Congressional Committee, investigating un-American Activities.

The evidence of the committee amounts to a white paper of 20 volumes. Its sinister nature is conveyed by Mr. Dies in this book. His dips into the revelations, as the Winnipeg Free Press puts it, will raise the hair on the head of complacency. It does not have to tell the whole story to convey some faint impression of how devilishly the "Trojans" have been stabling their horses on the North American continent, including Canada, as the evidence before Dies revealed.

## SAM CARP'S MONEY

Intriguing is the case of Sam Carp, Molotov's brother-in-law. Sam changed his name to Rodriguez when he emigrated from Russia to the U.S. 30 years ago and raised himself from day-laborer to operating a gasoline-filling station at Bridgeport, Conn. His ship had come in when he found himself as one of the hundreds of thousands of American citizens successful as small business men. So Sam felt well disposed when he visited his sister four years ago. He at once found himself in Russia moving in the right political social swim to meet the people told to give him the commissions befitting the brother-in-law of Soviet Russia's prime minister and Stalin's right-hand man.

Sam Carp came back to the United States with his pockets bulging with American money given him at Moscow, with an order for a similar amount to be drawn by him from Amtorg, the Russian trading-agency in the United States, and, holiest of all the smokes, with an authorization to spend \$200,000,000 worth of Stalin's gold to buy the biggest battleship in the world.

Sam Carp's own testimony of how he peeled off big bills in their thousands to pay to persons in positions to gain him the right introductions to obtain the necessary "export permits" and other concessions, is astounding because it fits so suitably into the many unsavory instances of Soviet, Nazi and Fascist underground subversive workings.

Sam's biggest battleship in the world (specified not to be less than 50,000 tonnage) is said in the evidence actually to have been three times brought under consideration by the United States cabinet. But Sam did not get it, for he could not find a shipbuilder willing to undertake the contract, although the money, \$200,000,000, was on deposit in the United States. He did get far enough to have the plans drawn to general specifications by United States naval architects, and these plans last year were accorded the official recognition of the escort of a naval captain when transferred to Moscow for inspection and approval, after which no more was heard of them.

## CONSPIRACY

The diversity of subversive connivings revealed by the Dies committee is amazing. The case of Sam Carp is almost only amusingly suggestive of the depth of the burrowing and how concealed are persons engaged in this ceaseless undermining of the national life and polity. The plain citizen may well be dumfounded by these revelations of what may be happening in the next street, in the next house. He cannot be expected to perceive the inward designs of societies and associations parading openly as innocent supporters of religion, of peace, of culture, and each given a front of respectable intent by the persons lending their names to movements really directed and manipulated by creeping creatures taking pelf to shout for peace and prating culture if currency be in the bag.

## Merriman Talks...

A WRITER in a recent Times magazine article says it is no longer correct to speak of a dog's life. A later article by another writer tells of a dog owner who brought her dog all the way from Montreal because the climate of Victoria might suit it better. Readers were also informed that no self-respecting canine of the higher strata gives birth to pups in the stable. Nothing but the best prenatal care is modern, well-equipped dogs' nursing home will do.

It was interesting news, but it stirred a lot of conflicting opinions. However, it

the English have a more irrepressible sense of humor than any nation under the sun. Nothing can halt it. Not even war. Out of their greatest trials comes a new crop of humor, and in this war, as in the last, the library of British humor is being considerably augmented. As the war strikes at civilians this time, even more than men of the services, a new brand of humor has developed. It is quite evident war-threatened, bomb-weary civilians of Britain today still retain their sense of humor, and out of their most terrible experiences come some of their brightest quips. It is possible that some people may not understand such a sense of humor, but nothing was ever wider of the mark than to accuse the people of Britain of not having it.

A reader sends a selection of some samples of war humor that have been sent to him from his home town of Sheffield:



takes variety of news to interest readers—even in wartime.

"The suspense is terrific. Give me aspirin! Give me air!"

"I'm soon to be a father of a dozen, or a pair."

Assembled dogs, all waiting, pace the floor with nervous step.

"We've waited here for hours, nurse! Is there no news for us yet?"

"Have patience, dogs!" the nurse replies. "It's sure to be all right."

All get the best attention here, with doctors day and night."

But the anxious canines pace the floor, all suffering from the jitters.

Verging on distraction, as they await the news of litters.

All ears are cocked. A nurse appears. This may be news for me.

It may be quints; it may be twins, or only two or three.

"For Mr. Pom," she coolly trills, "I've got good news for you."

Six lovely girls, what darlings, and, yes, a boy or two."

## IRREPRESSIBLE—THAT'S ENGLISH HUMOR

For some unexplainable reason it is a belief in the United States that the English have no sense of humor. How the idea originated is hard to understand, for besides producing many of the greatest comedians of all time, virtually every newspaper and magazine in the country runs at least one column of humor. In normal times people pack theatres and music halls where comedies are being produced, and every little city or village has its own group of comedians regularly in demand for local affairs. It would probably be more correct to say

"Who's eaten all the lean?" asked the sailor who arrived in the mess to find the meat left for him was all fat.

"I have," answered the small sailor in the corner.

"And who, the hell do you think is going to eat all the fat?" blurted the first sailor.

And the same voice from the same little sailor replied, "I will."

The air raid warden had been coming home in the early morning, and eventually his exasperated wife protested.

"Look here," she shouted, "the night before last you came home yesterday. Last night you came home today. If you come home this evening tomorrow, I'm going straight home to mother."

"Look!" said one little boy on the bus-top. "The searchlights!"

"Yes," said No. 2, "but they ain't as bright as the other night."

"Well," said No. 1, "I expect they want new batteries and can't get 'em."

"Shine, please boy," said the six-foot-five soldier to the shoeblack.

The boy looked down at the vast expanse of boot before him.

"Bert," he called out to another boy. "Gimme an 'and—I've got an army contract!"

"Do you remember treating me for rheumatism 12 months ago, doctor?" said the young man. "You told me to keep out of the damp."

"Yes, perfectly," replied the doctor, "and are you better?"

"Oh, yes," answered the young man, "but I'm joining the army tomorrow and I wanted to know if it would be all right for me to have a bath now."

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## IN A WORLD WHERE BOMBS ARE FALLING

I'm glad for bowls of cereal at 8, And "hurry it up, kids, or you'll be late";

For my work basket of socks full of holes, And I promised my girl to sew dolls' clothes;

For buttons off boys' shirts (I'm glad they're just three and seven),

What if I won't be finished tonight before 11?

PAULINE LEADER.

George Donald, a Scotch farmer, discovered a time bomb in his turnip field. He kept the matter secret while he worked diligently day and night for three nights. Then he notified local authorities, who wanted to know why he had been so coy. He knew the answer:

"If I told you chaps, you'd come right away and blow it up and ruin all the turnips."

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# Siberian Ruins Show Man Tamed, Rode Reindeer Long Before Horse

By EMILY C. DAVIS

SANTA CLAUS, now grooming his favorite reindeer for the annual chimneytop run, has news for his trusty steeds:

"Dancer, old fellow" (we distinctly hear him say), "I'm told scientists have new evidence about your ancestors—oh, nothing unpleasant, of course!"

"It seems that a reindeer may have been the first animal to give human beings a ride—and I mean that in a nice way, certainly, old boy!"

Santa's news, getting quickly to the point, is that Siberian archaeologists in Siberia have unearthed a curious and ancient mask for a horse—a mask that would make the horses look like a reindeer, even to antlers cleverly contrived out of leather. Nothing like this has been found before.

The answer to your question, "Why on earth would a horse play reindeer?" is just this:

## TAMED ANIMALS

Evidently wild Scythian lords in Altai mountains of Siberia, two or three hundred years before Christ, had some hoary traditions about reindeer. It looks as though their forefathers had tamed and ridden reindeer.

Outfitting a dead leader for the future world, these Scythians decked one of his numerous steeds in fancy saddle, bridle and mask to play the role of their traditional and revered friend, a reindeer.

Since riding is known to be a fairly late accomplishment which human beings acquired, these clues point to some pioneer reindeer riding, as riding goes.

What the first riding steed really was, whether horse, donkey, or some other animal, has been a mystery for scientists to ponder. It must have been a brave man who first dared to mount the back of a restless beast, with the idea of sticking on and going somewhere.

## DRIVING BEFORE RIDING

Riding and driving were two different innovations. Long before animals were ridden, Sumerians in cities of Mesopotamia were driving chariots hitched to donkeys, oxen and horses. Chariots are as old as 3000 B.C. Riding is believed to have started no earlier than 1000 B.C., probably by nomads of central Asia.

The Soviet Academician N. I. Marr has favored the idea that a reindeer would prove to be man's first riding steed. The masked horse that has turned up in the refrigerator preservation of a Scythian tomb bolsters the professor's theory, which previously had to be argued on clues detected in his language studies.

Santa Claus has been using reindeer to pull his toy-packed sleigh over Canadian rooftops since early 19th century. Canada's Santa gets his name from Dutch colonists. His fur-trimmed coat, with Russian blouse costume and trousers tucked into high boots, he must have bought in Old Russia. His sleigh and reindeer team are ideas from Lapland, where reindeer are used today to pull light sleighs.

If it weren't for that bulgy pack of toys, Santa might ride his reindeer—Lapps sometimes do. In some European countries Saint Nicholas, as he is more often called there, rides a horse. But it takes a bigger load of toys for Canada and a lot of reindeer to pull the load.

## DISGUISED HORSE

"They tell me," continued Santa, adjusting the harness over Prancer's neck, "that this horse pretended to be a reindeer was fixed up in style—but not so comfortable as you are, old boy. No, sir!"

"When the horse-reindeer, as I'll call him, was put into this tomb along with nine other saddle and bridle on every horse. Fancy! Why, the bridle bits were silver covered with gold leaf. Bridle trimmings were cedar wood all carved and little figures of cut leather stuck on the bridles."

"And the saddle of these Scythian horses—2,220 years ago this was, Prancer! They were made of two leather cushions filled with wool fastened together and held firm by breastbands and cruppers. No stirrups. On each cushion there was a cover of felt trimmed with colored bits of felt and gilded leather."

"And saddle cloths went with all that, saddle cloths so big they hid the saddle and a good deal of the horse! And trimmings everywhere, carved wooden animals,



Scythians rather resembled Santa Claus, as to beards and even, in some ancient art, in their pointed hoods and costumes. This bearded chap is a little wooden head serving as a strap buckle for harness. It was in the Scythian tomb studied by Russian science.

and gold plate and tin! It would make an American cowboy's eyes pop. Eh, Prancer?

"And most important of all, that reindeer mask! Fact is, there were two horses with masks, but only one with antlers. Must have been a job to make that one. Leather and thick felt they used for the false face, and trimmings over that, of course. Plenty of gold plate, colored fur and tin."

"The man who made it knew reindeer, though. For antlers he used leather, with silver on the little branching ones, and gold leaf, too, and red tassels on the tips."

If Santa is wistful over the splendor of those Scythian steeds, he needn't be. He still has bells on his harness. And anyway, the Scythian outfit fits were too fussy for travel.

## ELABORATE TRAPPINGS

Soviet scientists have been impressed, too, by the art work and elaborate detail of these trappings now at the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad. But they say that these saddles and bridles were made just to bury in this tomb.

As experts quickly noted, every saddle and bridle was too fragile for service, even for the stately show of a procession. In two hours, said one observer, a rider would have been shedding a trail of trimmings. They were as make-believe as the masking of a horse to play reindeer.

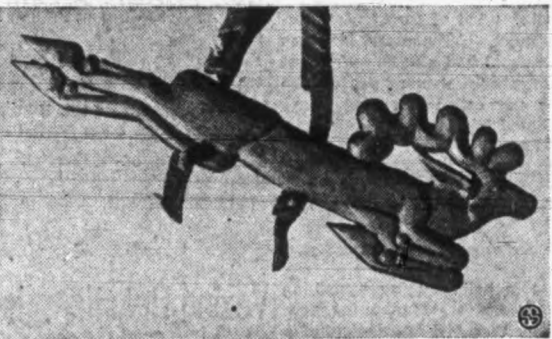
The Scythians, it appears, were simply using the same idea that Egyptians had when on occasion they made attractive, but flimsy, furniture for piling into tombs. The stuff looked well and was satisfactory for spirit world requirements, so Egyptians reasoned. Scythians thought likewise.

## REVEAL ADMIRABLE FEATURES

But if these are show-window outfits, nevertheless, they reveal



To make a horse look like a reindeer, Scythian people of about 2200 B.C. ingeniously contrived this antlered mask. Soviet archaeologists, who never saw anything like it before, say it is good proof that the reindeer were man's first riding steeds.



This flying deer is one of numerous fancy horse trappings found in a Scythian tomb. Carved in wood in style remarkably like modernistic Christmas decorations, the deer adorned the cheek of a horse's bit.

to our time what early riders of the East—which was where roughriding was first evolved—did admire and use in riding gear. Strip off the art dangles and trappings, and the saddles reveal early models actually used. Compared with pictured objects that show Scythians and other nomads with their steeds, these real saddles are surprisingly similar.

The saddles are the simplest and most primitive that Soviet archaeologists have ever seen, and they live in the part of the world where such antiquities are best known. Anything simpler than these Scythian saddles would be not worthy of the name saddle, they point out. For long journeys this equipment must have given roving Asiatics an advantage in lengthening out their range of contacts and influences. Their migrations did bring them to the civilizations of the Near East, where they played a part in Persian and other empire destinies.

Saddle horses were first ridden, Soviet archaeologists believe, at least 500 years earlier in the Altai mountain country of Siberia than the era of the 200 B.C. tomb.

The people who honored an important man at this tomb by so impressive a cortege may have known stories handed down from their forefathers about days when reindeer, not horses, were ridden. But 500 years is a long time and they may have forgotten the good old days.

It is thought more likely that they had forgotten, and were providing their leader with a reindeer steed faked by a masked horse just because it was a tomb custom.

If that seems strange, figure how many people today know why they put holly wreaths on doors at Christmas, or make resolutions at New Year's. How many, for that matter, know Santa's complex past?

# Pilots May Take Prone Positions In Super-speed Planes of Future

By PAUL MANNING

DIVE BOMBING is a reasonably simple operation. Just tilt the nose of a plane, rush down in a screaming power dive until the sights are dead set on an objective, then let go at 2,000 feet and pull out.

But with pursuit ships and fighter-bombers getting faster as England and Germany counter blows by throwing faster planes into the sky, the mental blackout which occurs when blood sucked to the abdomen checks the oxygen needed by the brain, is getting to be a dead serious problem for aerial strategists.

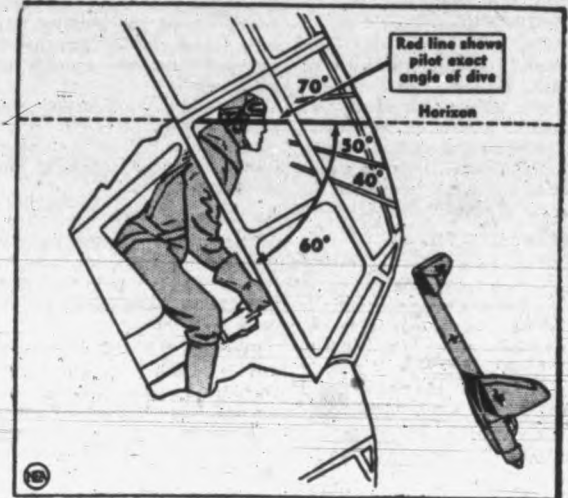
The Royal Air Force and Luftwaffe each have an answer, but one which is effective only so long as planes travel little faster than 400 miles per hour.

## SOLUTIONS ONLY MAKESHIFT

One is diet, the other mechanics. The R.A.F. pilots eat simple foods and never take to the air until one hour has elapsed after a heavy meal.

The Luftwaffe adheres to this diet rule but goes a step further. Every JU88 dive bomber has a thin red line painted across the transparent nose which indicates to the pilot the exact angle of the dive. At the correct angle the bomb is released and the plane pulled from the dive. And if a JU88 pilot loses complete consciousness a mechanical arm helps to level the plane.

Yet because the length of the blackout will increase with the speed of the plane, both these solutions are little more than makeshift. A more fundamental answer is needed.



How pilot of a JU88 bomber finds proper angle of dive.

And that answer may be supplied before this war is concluded. British aeronautical engineers, hard at work over their wartime drafting boards, are sketching several super-speed experimental planes in which the pilot lies flat on his stomach. That is the only position a man could bear with ease the strain of lightning turns and full-throttle dives at new speeds.

## DESIGN WOULD INCREASE SPEED

Some engineers say a prone position would not make much difference to the pilot's efficiency as a flier. He would be in a position of an underwater swimmer able to see everything below and forward. And mirrors, properly

placed, would give him vision above and rear.

The present system of foot control presents few difficulties, problem would be little more than simplifying their operation and reorganizing their position in the cockpit.

This prone position, if adopted, would automatically increase the current speed of all fighters and dive bombers. For the fuselage could be streamlined to an even greater degree than at present. The plane would, in fact, if it ever moved from the drafting board into production, resemble a stubby bird with just about the speed of a bullet. The wings would be wide and broad, the fuselage very round, the tail nearer the nose.

# Planet Grouping May Be 'Star of Bethlehem'

By JAMES STOKLEY

HIGH IN THE SOUTHEAST this evening, if it is clear, you can see two brilliant planets—Jupiter, brighter, above, and Saturn below.

So conspicuous are they that it is small wonder people used to think a grouping like this was a portent or something important to come.

In fact, it has been suggested that Jupiter and Saturn, arranged very much the same way in the year 7 B.C., and with Mars in their midst as well, was the celestial occurrence that has come down to us as the "Star of Bethlehem."

## SIGNAL FOR JOURNEY

Then, as now, these planets were in the constellation of Pisces, the fishes. In the ancient lore that the Magi believed, both this constellation and the planet Saturn were supposed to be significant for the Hebrews. Perhaps, therefore, this appearance was the signal to start them on their journey to Jerusalem.

The year is not too early. Scholars cannot say definitely when Christ was born. It was certainly as early as 4 B.C., and might have been as early as 7.

In that and the following year, something else happened, which is also happening now, for the first time since 1682-1683. This is what astronomers call a triple conjunction.

Last August 15 Jupiter, moving easterly through the sky, overtook Saturn. Then, on account of the earth's movement, both planets seemed to turn around, and move westerly. Jupiter again passed Saturn on October 11. Soon they will again change their direction of motion, and start east once more. On February 20, for the third time, in just over six months, they will pass again.

## NOT ANOTHER 'TRIPLE CONJUNCTION' FOR CENTURIES

When, 19 years from now, Jupiter will again pass Saturn, it will do it only once. No one seems to have calculated when the next "triple conjunction" will happen; certainly it will not be again this century and probably not in the next.

Still a third possibility of what the Star of Bethlehem might have been can be seen also at present in the western evening sky, where we have a bright comet, first since 1910.

Cunningham's comet, which astronomers have watched brightening since it was discovered in September, has reached naked-eye visibility, though the bright moon has prevented our seeing it in full brilliance. By Christmas eve, with the moon well out of the way, and the comet still brightening, it will be a prominent object in the west, soon after dusk.

The star of Bethlehem some believe, may have been this grouping of three bright planets in the year 7 B.C., shown here. Jupiter is above, Mars in the middle, and Saturn, its rings indicated, below. At the present time Jupiter and Saturn are in the same part of the sky, the constellation of Pisces, and even closer, but Mars is in another direction, and rises above the eastern horizon about three hours before the sun.

# Wonder Bean Helps Gas

THAT AGRICULTURAL JACK of all trades, the soybean, has demonstrated its versatility by making a place for itself in another big industry.

When you drive up to a filling station you may find evidence there of this venerable vegetable's latest conquest. For, if the gasoline in the pump's glass bowl seems unusually clear and sparkling, the chances are that the refiner has incorporated in his oil a product called lecithin, derived from ancient China's wonder bean.

This lecithin reduces decolorization, as well as haze and deposit formation caused by exposure to sunlight. Oil men also find that its use decreases corrosion of storage tank bottoms and galvanizing drums, particularly those containing highly leaded aviation gasoline.

# SEE FILM GRAINS



A silver grain in a photograph looks like this picture, taken with electrons and here magnified 50,000 times.

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# Reindeer Save Eskimo Civilization

MOST FAMOUS reindeer in the world are the six that take life easy in Santa Claus' stable for 364 days of the year, and then in one wild night of hurricane galloping earn their keep abundantly for another twelvemonth. Extraordinary animals, without question, and quite deserving of all the notice they attract at the time of the Yule Steeplechase.

But what about the hundreds of thousands of other reindeer, the workaday animals that seldom get into the papers? Where are they? Who owns them? What are they like, and how do they live?

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fed life of herdsmen. So the reindeer have brought economic revolution to our Far North.

Most famous of reindeer owners in the Old World are, of course, the Lapps of Arctic Europe. When reindeer were first brought to this continent, the animals came from northeastern Siberia. Lapps were hired to teach the Alaska Eskimos how to take care of them. Nevertheless, there are reindeer-owning tribes clear across the poleward slope of Siberia, all the way from the Urals to Bering Sea.

## SIZE OF DONKEYS

Domestic reindeer are not very large animals. Although Santa Claus' steeds are usually represented as big as horses, the ones that the Lapps and Eskimos and Siberian tribesmen own are only about the size of donkeys. This may be the result of selection, for these peoples of the high north, though sturdy, are rather short, and they would naturally want to have animals they can "wrangle."

There is a much larger relative of the reindeer, native to the Arctic regions of this continent, known as the caribou. It has been the principal support of northern Indians and inland-dwelling Eskimos who live by hunting, but attempts to domesticate it have never been successful. That is one of the reasons why the smaller but more tractable Old World reindeer were brought in, to found our now well-established herds.

# Like Psychology? Try This Puzzle

A PUZZLE GAME of scrambled words has been devised and put to serious use in a scientific laboratory to test certain theories of psychology.

Be a guinea pig of science and try the game yourself. The game is to find the hidden word in each of these combinations:

1. DORUN
2. PCN AYO
3. XSL AEU
4. MY SLOB
5. RMN OI
6. LPM YI
7. MSN OEEO
8. TINY AXE
9. NO ROD
10. HOT TAR

Don't look now, but the answers are elsewhere on this page. Here's the psychology of it—if you found that the meaning in HOT TAR acted as a sort of barrier to hinder you from rearranging those letters into a new combination, you have helped to confirm for scientists the so-called Gestalt theory. That theory implies that meaning in a pattern

makes it hold together better in the mind than does a pattern in which you do not see any sense.

When the game was tried by psychologists M. Nissenon of Central Y.M.C.A. College and S. S. Sargent of Barnard College, the 16 students playing the game failed to provide a conclusive answer.

Ten of the 16 took longer to unscramble the meaningful combinations of letters than those without meaning. One of these took 43 per cent longer on that type; the second took 85 per cent longer.

Oh, yes—you should have got these answers:

- 1, round; 2, canopy; 3, sexual; 4, symbol; 5, minor; 6, imply; 7, someone; 8, anxiety; 9, donor; and 10, throat.



# Last-minute Suggestions That Will Make It a 'Merry Christmas!'

## Friends and Goodwill Are Best Gifts

By CECILE GILMORE

CHRISTMAS is the time of giving. Not just "presents" wrapped in glittering paper and tied with a joyous bow. But giving—yourself.

What can you give your friends? Why, a little more patience, perhaps. Your thoughtfulness. Your tolerance. Perhaps the benefit of the doubt.

Have you a shy friend? Be the one to seek her out, encourage her to talk more, to express herself. Flatter her a little.

### HEAR NO EVIL

Have you a friend who defies the conventions, who makes her most innocent escapades seem indiscreet? Be the one to discourage gossip about her. Stand up for her. Caution her, if need be. She'll take it best from you if she feels you are her true friend.

Have you a friend in real trouble? Listen carefully to her woes, even though you've heard her tell them before. Offer advice only if it is asked. And never, never, never betray her confidence by talking over her affairs with a third person.

### SEVEREST CRITIC

Finally, are you a real friend to your own family? Do you take time to listen to the children's news? Do you put aside your own worries to listen to and sympathize with your husband's troubles? Are you his trusted friend as well as his severest critic?

Take time to be a kind friend to yourself. Discover just what habits of thought, posture, grooming are best for you and resolve to live up to those habits.

Of course you have moods. You wouldn't be a woman if you didn't. But there are good

and bad moods, that can make or mar your life.

### MASTER THE MOODS

A cross, irritable state of mind makes you unsure in your movements, makes you stumble and drop things, makes you frown and pull down the muscles of your mouth.

A buoyant mood makes you poised, relaxed, easy to get on with, easy to look at. You must create the mood; don't let the mood create you.

### ON THE UP AND UP

Watch your posture. Everything in this life needs to be on the up and up, else it soon slips into the opposite thing, on the down and down.

Stand up tall with your stomach in, derriere tucked under, shoulders straight, chest up, head up and "easy." Your silhouette will look 15 years younger, your chin line will be 100 per cent improved.

If this normal, natural posture is tiring to hold, take exercise to strengthen those spilt muscles. Abdominal exercises, breathing exercises. A few a day are enough, but stick to them every day through thick and thin.

### IT'S UP TO YOU

Nobody is going to help you—much—in these things. Nobody cares, really, whether your skin is the utmost in cleanliness and radiance, your teeth perfectly looked after, your hair shining and well coiffed.

That is, nobody cares about the tiresome jobs of keeping them that way. But they care, and care a lot, if you are not an example of all those things.

Find the skin routine that is right for your complexion and stick to it. Don't wander from

one beauty fad to another when you know you're doing the right thing now.

Brush your teeth carefully, no matter how sleepy or how hurried you are, and make yourself go to the dentist, willy-nilly.

Resist the temptation to add another permanent to hair already over-permanented, instead of working to give the hair health. No amount of curls can hide sick, lifeless hair.

### DIET VS. WAISTLINE

Watch your diet and pass up the pastries and rich sweets, the hot breads dripping with melted butter. Fresh stewed pears can be an acquired taste and chocolate fudge sundaes a monument to a lost waistline.

But now we are preaching, and we hadn't meant to do that. We had only meant to say happy holiday, dear readers, and a Merry Christmas to you all.

## Make Candy for Tree Trimmings

By MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX

PART of the fun of Christmas is making home-made candies which will thrill the family and your friends. Hang them on the Christmas tree wrapped in transparent paper or pass on beautiful trays when friends gather in the living-room after a festive dinner.

**Chocolate Coconut Divinity**  
Two cups sugar, 23 cup water, 1/2 cup light corn syrup, 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten, 3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted and cooled, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 can moist sweetened coconut, dash of salt.

Bring 1/2 cup sugar and 1-3 cup water to a boil and boil until a small amount of syrup forms a slightly firm ball in cold water (240 degrees F.). While this mixture is boiling bring remaining

## In War-darkened World Child Should Hear Story of Christ

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

THIS YEAR it is advisable, I think, to bring the religious part of Christmas to the children's minds. Were it not for what happened in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, there would be no Christmas.

And now the whole of Christendom is endangered by dark powers that repudiate not only Christ but God. Perhaps it takes a crisis to strengthen the Christian philosophy, which means liberty of living, peace, kindness and brotherly love.

Such a crisis we have now. The younger generation in other countries are enthusiastic about the creed of might. We should teach our own children that right is better. But children think in dramatic terms. They must have their ideas and ideals personified.

Surely the greatest story ever told is that of the Christ Child, the Babe to become the Teacher whose example was the first enduring word of forgiveness, forbearance, tolerance and kindness the world had known. We must remember that many people who are not called Christians have adopted His ethics in their daily living.

### STORY BY CANDLELIGHT

On Christmas Eve, in that



The three Magi at the manger where the Babe of Bethlehem has been born to Mary, wife of Joseph.

magic hour of candlelight, I should read aloud the simple story of His birth, the tired and travel-

finding the inns too full for accommodation, and seeking the shelter of the open stable.

The wise men, Magi of the East, whose forbears had been making a study for generations of world conditions; who saw humanity on the road to disintegration from force and wickedness; who had followed the forecasts of the old Hebrew prophets of the perfect leader to come, followed the star and found a helpless little baby being stared at by cattle and sheep, and wrapped from the cold in hay.

### A TIME FOR CAROLS, TOO

So I would tell the lovely story again. On the top of the tree there should be a star, and the children should be told that it stands as a guide and a reminder of that beautiful night when the Wise Men sought the Child Jesus.

Christmas Eve is the time for carols. Children love to sing, and family singing leaves memories precious and unchanging in this world of change.

This is the sweetest part of Christmas. Too little attention is given to it. Many children never give it a thought at all. So I am suggesting we take a few minutes of our busy time to tell the story, to sing of the Bethlehem Child, and the angels, and perhaps explain that chapter of St. Matthew, known as the Beatitudes, each line of which is a design for living.

## Three Christmases for Jamie

By HUGH WALLACE

JAMIE LAY cuddled against the warm comfort of his mother's breast. Her right arm rested protectingly around his shoulders and at the same time made a soft pillow for his head. By reaching out with his right hand Jamie could touch his brother George, and beyond his mother, if he could have reached that far, he would have been able to touch his father.

Of all the family Jamie alone was awake. How strange it was, he thought, with all the concentration and seriousness of a six-year-old, that he, the youngest member of the family, should remain awake while the rest slept. For that matter, how strange they should be sleeping together here, deep in the bowels of the earth, to escape the bombs that were bursting overhead.

Half asleep, Jamie thought back to other Christmases. . . . He could remember at least two clearly. . . . and he saw, in his mind's eye, the tinsel, the gay lights, the gifts, the smoking turkey and the steaming plum pudding.

He smiled to himself at the thought of all that joy and happiness. . . . That had been two years ago, he thought, for last Christmas, despite the fact that there had been ample to eat, the older members of the family seemed to be depressed and overshadowed by the dim, unreal shape of something terrible to come. Even he, the baby, sensed it. . . .

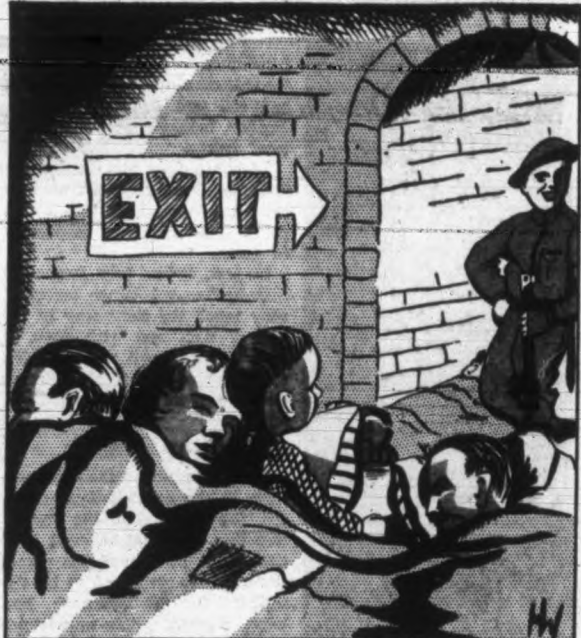
### REMEMBER UNCLE BEN

He remembered Uncle Ben, a man wise in the ways of the world, shaking his head at the mention of the "bore war" and saying, "It will change soon enough to something else, and no one will be able to complain of boredom then."

Jamie hadn't understood what Uncle Ben said, but he knew from the solemn look on the faces of his mother and father that it must be the promise of something very bad for the future.

His mind came back from its wandering to awareness of the present.

He sniffed. How odd. He could distinctly smell Mr. Garcia, the vegetable man, who ate garlic. He could smell the nice, clean smell of his own family, too, and a little way off a family not so fond of soap and water.



He smelt garlic and the soldier's cigarette smoke.

winked. Jamie grinned shyly, and turned again to his mother. Sleep was very near. . . .

At first Jamie was startled at the new turn of events. He felt older, and certainly he was bigger. . . . And there on the table was the turkey, just as it used to be. And through the open door to the kitchen he could see his mother moving about her duties of putting the finishing touches on the dinner.

### FATHER SAYS GRACE

A few minutes later, when they sat down at the table, his father folded his hands and bowed his head. Jamie, like the rest, sat still and listened.

"We thank thee, O Father, for this blessing which we are about to receive, a blessing made doubly dear by years of hardship and denial. We thank you that we can sit down as a family, in freedom, to this Christmas-Day dinner, and we look back with sadness and pride on the sacrifice in lives that was necessary to bring this blessing about, and we add our voices to those of the world in thanking those who fought and died that families might sit down together in freedom, as we do today."

Jamie woke with a start to find his brother bending over him, "Merry Christmas, Jamie, Merry Christmas!"

He rubbed his eyes and sat up. All around him people were rising and folding their blankets to go home. Their faces were alight with smiles and they shouted Merry Christmases to

one another. Jamie smiled, too, as he remembered the day. His gifts would be at home for him. . . . He would hurry and get them.

### SOMETHING GOOD TO COME

Vaguely, as he clung to his mother's hand on the way home, he tried to remember something that happened during the night. . . . something that had to do with other Christmases, some past and some, equally as good, still to come. . . .

He shook his head. It was too hard to remember. . . . Anyhow, he did remember that everything had come out all right in the end, which was the most important part of the whole thing.

People streamed from the shelter into the half-light of the winter dawn clutching their blankets and pillows, hundreds of them hurrying home after a night of discomfort. Their cries, however, did not reflect the discomfort, and the shouts of Merry Christmas were just as loud as they had ever been on other Christmas mornings, before it was necessary to sleep in air-raid shelters.

Jamie watched them go. He wanted to tell them that everything would be all right, and that Christmas would be Christmas again after a while, but he was only a little boy and he didn't know how to start, or how to say it if he did start. Perhaps, he thought, they, too, knew that everything will be all right after a little while.

sugar and water and the corn syrup to a boil and boil until a small amount of syrup forms a hard ball in cold water (252 degrees F.). Remove first syrup (240 degrees F.) from fire and cool slightly; pour slowly over egg whites, beating constantly until mixture loses its gloss (1 1/2 minutes). Then add second syrup (252 degrees F.) slowly, beating as before. When nearly cool, fold in chocolate; then add vanilla, coconut and salt, and beat until candy will hold its shape. Turn into greased pan 8x8 inches. Cool until firm. Cut in pieces, 1x1 1/2 inches. Makes 3 1/2 dozen pieces.

### Orange Pinocha

(Makes a little over a pound.)  
Three cups brown sugar, 1 cup milk, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 cup peanuts, 1 teaspoon orange juice, grated rind of 1 orange.

Pack sugar firmly before measuring. Boil sugar, milk and salt together until a teaspoon of syrup dropped into cold water will form a soft ball. On the candy thermometer this is 236 degrees F. Stir gently. Just before removing from heat, add butter. Cool without stirring until the bottom of the pan is moderately warm. Then beat until mixture becomes creamy and starts to thicken. Add nuts, orange juice and orange rind. Pour into a buttered pan. When cool, cut in squares.

### Spiced Nuts

(About 2 1/2 cups)  
One-fourth cup butter, 2 cups mixed nuts, 23 cup sugar, 3 teaspoons cinnamon, 2 tablespoons sugar.

Melt butter in a 1 1/2-quart heat-resistant glass saucepan. Add nuts and place over very low, direct heat. Cook 5 to 7 minutes or until delicately brown, stirring constantly. Mix 23 cup sugar and cinnamon together; add to nuts and stir constantly for 5 to 8 minutes, or until all nuts are thoroughly coated. Remove from heat; add 2 tablespoons sugar and stir until nuts begin to cool. Spread on wax paper to cool.

A package of spiced nuts, wrapped in cellophane and gaily ribboned, will fit comfortably into any Christmas stocking. So will little boxes of chocolate nut clusters, equally easy to make.

### LEFTOVERS SERVED ATTRACTIVELY

To serve leftover meat attractively, make cornucopias of pastry, bake and fill with creamed ham, chicken, lamb or veal and garnish with parsley or watercress. If you have some leftover vegetables, that would go well with the creamed meat, you might add them to the filling, too.

### Prevent Cold Contagion

To help prevent cold contagion, all dishes and silver and other utensils used by the person having the cold should be washed separately from those used by other members of the family. Wash in plenty of hot water and soap. Rinse in scalding water.

## Vexing Question: 'Is There a Santa Claus?'

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

MOTHER, now tell me honestly, is there a Santa Claus?

What are you going to say?

Betty is six or seven and other children have been telling tales. Betty is not taking her good Saint Nicholas for granted any more. She wants to know the truth.

I can guess what you will want to do; evade the issue by saying, "Don't ask questions, dear." Or, "I think it's nice to believe in Santa Claus." And Betty may not want to press the matter further, either, so she will go happily away, preferring to give the good old fellow the benefit of the doubt.

### TELL THE FACTS

When a child asks for truth, it is better to tell the facts. One can break the blow by saying that Santa Claus never ceases to be Santa Claus, because he is the happy spirit in people's hearts that makes them want to give and be kind.

With little children, I think it is different. But every parent must decide the wisdom of keeping up the myth, for himself. What you think you should do about it, is right. If you want your small folk to be as happy as you were, trusting the Christmas fairyman to bring you presents, then what is the harm?

On the other hand, if you feel that realism is more important than the mystical conjurings of imagination, then explode the myth.

### SANTA'S STILL A GRAND GUY

And little by little, realists all over the world are frowning down the tales of magic that tend to fix wishful thinking. They simply think it is common sense, or rather uncommon good sense, to tell their wee folk that papa and mama are the sources of all good things.

I have never seen any harm in Santa Claus. I always loved the dear old man, and still do. Why shouldn't personified kindness come my way in the deep year when everything is drear and spring so far away?

I have never thought for a moment that this purveyor of gifts in any way conflicted with the birthday of the Christ Child.

## What to do With Left-over Turkey

DID SOMEBODY actually fail to do justice to his share of the turkey? That's fine for the cook on a budget—because even one cup of leftover turkey can make a fine meal if cleverly used.

### Toasted Turkey Buns

Cut thin slice from tops of 4 large, round, soft buns, scoop out centres; shred into fine crumbs. (There should be 1 cup.) Brown 1 1/2 tablespoons minced onion in 2 tablespoons fat or salad oil; add crumbs. Add 1 cup finely-chopped leftover turkey, 1/2 teaspoon salt, few grains pepper. Heat. Brush buns with melted butter, afterwards browning in hot oven (400 degrees F.) 10 minutes. Fill buns with turkey mixture; top each with poached egg.

With a smidgeon more—just an extra half cup—you're all set to make up our recipe for deviled mock drumsticks.

### Deviled Mock Drumsticks

Beat 1 egg; add 1 cup very thick, hot white sauce, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 2 tablespoons each chopped parsley and minced onion, 1/2 teaspoon salt, few drops

tabasco. Add 1 1/2 cups ground leftover turkey. Chill, shape like drumsticks. Beat 1 egg; add 2 tablespoons water. Roll drumsticks in dry crumbs, dip in egg, then in crumbs. Fry in deep fat or salad oil heated to 375 degrees F.; cook 5 to 7 minutes or until brown. Drain. Insert wooden skewers; place paper frills on skewers. Serves four.

A dinner main dish they'll rave about is yours if you've saved two cups of bits and pieces for curried turkey custard.

**Curried Turkey Custard**  
Melt 3 tablespoons butter and then blend in 3 tablespoons of flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon curry powder. Add 1 cup milk cook over hot; water, stirring constantly until thick. Cool; add 1 teaspoon minced onion. Beat 2 eggs; add. Add 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs, 2 cups finely-chopped leftover turkey; mix well. Pour into 4 greased custard cups. Set in pan of warm water; bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 minutes or until set. Serves four.

## Try These Games at Yule Parties

NOW HERE are a few games to try on your friends at the Christmas festivities:

One of the party is persuaded to don a belted overcoat, and while this innocent victim is being blindfolded, a whistle is attached to a piece of string or ribbon and is secretly tied to the belt at the back. Then he is told that his task is to listen for the blast of a whistle, and then find out who blew it. He indicates the one he suspects by touching him or her. The player is turned around three times and then someone, lightly taking hold of the whistle, gives it a loud blow. The blindfolded one naturally turns around to catch the offender. Directly he turns another player takes hold of the whistle and blows it. It is usually some time before he learns that the whistle is attached to him.

Here is another good one: A hat or waste paper basket is placed on the floor, and the players sit at equal distances from it. Each is provided with a certain number of cards, which he has to

throw one by one into the receptacle, one mark being scored for each one in.

### KEEPING FEATHER IN AIR

An ordinary feather will provide any amount of fun and is the medium of a game especially popular with children. Select a feather that will float in the air, and throw it above the heads of the players, who sit in a circle. The object of the game is to keep the feather in the air by blowing. If the feather touches any one that person must pay a forfeit.

An apple is suspended from the ceiling by a piece of string, and three or four chairs are arranged, backs uppermost, in a circle around the fruit. Each player now kneels on the back of a chair and the apple is set in motion. The players have to try to bite the apple. If anyone does so without overbalancing the chair he's entitled to the apple!

A popular word-making game is to write down, in a given time, as many words as you can beginning with one particular letter. Each completed word counts one mark and a prize may be given for the longest list.

### Don'ts For Christmas

Don't hang up a paper lantern by anything other than wire.

Don't put candles where they are likely to drop and set fire to anything.

Don't forget to be as punctual at a party as you would be at a business engagement.

Don't forget there will be food on the morrow.

Any legend that continues as persistently as this one about Santa Claus must have some basic reason for its existence.

But Betty is waking up and this is the time, then, to tell her the truth. Santa Claus only comes once a year. His influence is not unlimited. He has been good for me. I think he is good for others, this saint-the children have all to themselves.



# Goodwill to Men in China

By EVELYN MACLAURIN

**A VOICE FROM BRITAIN** that echoes still: "I've always thought of Christmas as a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts and think of others."

Those of us who search the Oriental stores for Christmas gifts to send to others have been intrigued by a decorative symbol often found thereon. Here it is, designed by a Chinese artist of Victoria, B.C.:

**GOODWILL TO MEN**



Like most of Chinese art, it conveys a deep philosophy. "Good will, good will to men," China sends us in this symbol.

A month ago the Voice from Britain found echo in this Voice from the Far East: Resolved that whereas the people of China are suffering acutely from hunger and disease due to malnutrition, and whereas for over three years these brave people of China have against great odds valiantly defended themselves against aggression, and whereas in our Dominion of Canada a major problem exists in the disposal of our surplus wheat and our inability to store it, we earnestly urge that the government give to the Republic of China a substantial gift of wheat, and that it be made available to go as soon as possible. (Sent to Ottawa by the Victoria Committee for Medical Aid for China and Canadian Friends of the Chinese People.)

So now you know my question: Shall we send good will back to men in China? At once I hear a chorus of "buts"—the political but, the economic but, the Judas but. Contrariwise, I believe this gift of wheat to China would be good politics, good economics and good ethics.

## THE WHEAT SITUATION

Here is the situation: Canada has wheat to burn—500,000,000 bushels of it, if you like figures. She cannot sell it, because the United States has wheat to burn, South America has wheat to burn, and the warring countries cannot buy. So Canada must tear down her barns and must build greater storage in order that next year she may have still more wheat to burn which she will not be able to sell.

That doesn't make sense. I'm no economist, but that just doesn't make sense to me.

Let us examine the alternative. Turn it into alcohol? Trade Minister McKinnon says it would not pay to make wheat into alcohol.

Grow other crops? Sound suggestion, but one which requires research. Our prairies are geared to wheat production—they seem ideal for wheat production; our prairie people are trained to wheat production. Moreover, this change would mean several years of transition, during which we would still have wheat to burn.

Send the surplus as a gift to Britain? In my opinion, our government would be entirely justified in so doing, because this extra tax would be in accordance with the wishes of almost every voter in Canada. The difficulty is that Britain at present has no ship space for wheat; besides, Britain bought 100,000,000 bushels from us last August, to be held here until needed.

## EAT MORE WHEAT

We have been adjured to "eat more wheat and don't mind being fat." That depends on who is to eat it. Most of us comfortable people eat too much wheat already in proportion to green vegetables and fruit. Some of us do mind being fat—it interferes with health and with efficiency; especially do we mind being fat if thereby others must go lean. If we could see to it that our people on relief could eat more wheat, if, for instance, we extend in Canada the food stamp plan which is relieving surpluses and providing better nourishment for the unemployed of our good neighbors to the south, that would be a partial solution.

But any large-scale interference with the food habits of our nation should be made only upon the advice of nutrition experts, recent graduates. Yesterday's knowledge of nutrition is not enough. Even so, Canada has only 12,000,000 people and cannot eat her surplus. China has 450,000,000, and China is hungry.

One day in Woodland Park I watched the bears being fed, two in one cage. Each time the keeper threw in a loaf, the stronger bear grabbed it, snarling at his fellow. First with one paw and then with another, he grabbed the loaf of bread until he had all 13. He tried to eat one, but merely crumbled it. He had got most of the peanuts all afternoon. Each time the other bear made a pass to get some bread, he fiercely hugged it closer. Surrounded by food he could not eat, there he lay, gorged and guarding. It wasn't a pretty sight.

This gift of wheat to China, does it look good to you?

## GOOD POLITICS

Today a strange thing has happened. Suddenly we see ourselves—British, American and Chinese—as brothers fighting for a new humanity, for ideals of democracy against the world.

Did you hear lately the charming English of Madame Chiang Kai-shek across the ocean? Here is one thing that she says: "It is the studied aloofness shown by the democratic governments to China in her travail which is doing something significant, if not disturbing, to thought here in China." There may be some short-sighted persons who think that

"the China affair" is no affair of ours; those who are informed know that China, with us, fights civilization's battle.

Just now we all are obsessed by "the Hitler incident," but Freda Utey in her book, "China at War," published June, 1939, has this to say: "If China's millions should ever be militarized, either by Japan or in a long struggle to resist her, the world would be faced by a military menace beside which the might of Germany would pale to insignificance." And General Smuts: "It may well be that western civilization will stand or fall in this matter of its contacts with the immense human masses of the East."

It might well be to translate some of our democratic ideals into action. The thoughts of the Orientals are long, long thoughts; to give him some pleasant memories might be good politics.

## GOOD ECONOMICS

As stated above, I am no economist, but I like to learn from those who are. Miss Utey is a graduate of the London School of Economics, and adviser for the Institute of World Economics and Politics. Writing from the war front in China, she says: "The wiser businessmen of Japan realize that if Britain can be induced by soft words and promises to continue sitting on the fence, with no more than a slight inclination to the Chinese side, then, once Japan has won her victory in China, she will be able to squeeze British interests out by the manipulation of Chinese customs and currency." In other words, the "Open Door" will be suddenly slammed shut.

Here is G. D. H. Cole, who ought to know his economics, speaking to Sir Arthur Salter, as recorded in "Cry Havoc":

Mr. Cole—I really do feel that if, for example, China is in need of any commodity, we should give these commodities to China whether she is in a position to pay for them or not.

Sir Arthur—In other words, make them a gift?

Mr. Cole—Exactly. Does China need a gift of wheat? Thus far I have spared you the harrowing recital. The plain truth is that millions of Chinese refugees are at this moment trekking westwards, homeless, helpless, hopeless. While we deck Christmas trees and stuff the turkeys, millions of men, mothers and little children in China are dying of starvation as they flee the awful bombs.

"Give the Chinese soldier a spiritual urge and enough to eat, and there is no hardship he will not cheerfully undergo. His endurance is unequalled, his courage unsurpassed." So says Capt. Carlson, with the U.S. Marines in China.

But here lies tragedy: Wounded soldiers must be left to die because there is not bread enough for men who can fight. No cigarettes and chocolates for these men; they do not ask even for bread; they are silent and endure. Is it good economics to feed these men who fight our battles for us?

Is it even good economics to let such soldiers die?

There is no need to argue that it is good to feed the hungry. There is no mother-heart in Canada, with happy faces of her children around the board this Christmas time, who would refuse a slice of bread to feed a starving Chinese child. The only question is which mouths to feed; there are so many charities. I know that some will say we ought to feed the poor at home—and so we should—but not to leave the other undone. Who wants to follow Judas?

If Ottawa should listen to the Voice from the Far East; if, next February, when our Dominion government must formulate their wheat policy for 1942, they see this gift to China as good politics, good economics, and good ethics, well and good. Take this article as read. But if not, suppose we do it anyway; we, the Canadian people! This gift may be the very thing we're waiting for that moral reinforcement great minds tell us we democracies need.

"Who gives himself with his arms feeds three:

"Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me."

Undoubtedly such a gesture would give great moral uplift to China, now fighting fearful odds; why not reinforce our own moral fibre by this gracious gift?

## HOW IT CAN BE DONE

Here's how it might easily be done: Let the government agree simply to underwrite and forward shipments, collect and administer funds; the well-to-do donate freight charges, and all of us who can't afford to do so, assume a slight voluntary tax on wheat products, to buy our wheat for China. Ottawa might issue stamps with "Good Will" symbol (value a half cent), and open a "Good Will to China" fund. For each 10 cents or part thereof spent on bread, bakery products, flour and cereal, we pay a half cent extra, for which the dealer affixes a good will stamp to our purchase.

That's all—no salaries, no overhead. Once started, we would never miss the coppers. At an average cost of \$2 to \$4 per year, each good housewife would know that one slice from her loaf would go direct to a wounded soldier, one spoonful of cereal from her children's table would feed a hungry child in China. If only those in Canada whose annual incomes exceed \$1,000 were willing to do this, at least for the duration, a gift of 1,600,000 bushels per year would be amply financed. This amount could be sent forward in 2,000-ton lots on regular shipments semi-monthly, at a cost of \$10 per ton, or \$40,000 per month.

There are about 29,000 families in Canada whose incomes equal or exceed \$5,000, the luxury standard, 390 of them \$50,000 or more. Now it is no business of mine or of any other person to dictate the amount or object of anyone's benevolence; there is still another voice, a still, small voice, which attends to that. But surely we can trust our generous rich folk to subscribe the freight. Then, once our gift is overseas, the Red

Cross will take charge. They are distributing a recent gift of wheat from the United States now.

Of course, 1,600,000 bushels per year does not solve the surplus problem; perhaps we ought to give more. But wheat will keep four years if properly stored, and besides, we did not set out to solve the surplus problem, we set out to suggest one desirable outlet. The particular virtue of this plan is that it aids the war effort, by buying wheat grown by our own farmers. Our government has guaranteed them a fixed price, so that we shall be taxed in any case to pay for wheat we do not buy in this voluntary way. But what a difference in the doing!

## THE HANDS OF CHINA

"Some westerners harden themselves to misery in China by inventing a theory that the Chinese nervous system is not the same as ours, that they don't feel the same. I cannot believe this," again to quote Miss Utey, "look at the sensitive Chinese hand."

Suppose we do, just for a few moments, and then have done. Picture, if you can, these myriad hungry hands outstretched to us for food. We have thrilled to watch them, men, women, children, toiling with crude farm tools to build the lifeline of China, the Burma Road. But let us not imagine that the hands themselves are crude. The hands of China are the hands of artists.

Explain it how you will—perhaps the brush, used for calligraphy down through the centuries, has given this sensitive control. Sung porcelain, cloisonne,



Mutely defiant are these riverside family memorial gates in Hsiao-shan, Chekiang Province, ancient symbols of Chinese ancestor worship, as Japanese invaders rest in their shadow.

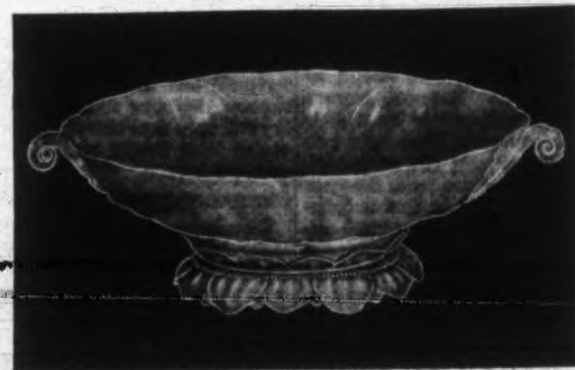
carved teak and lacquer, hand-woven silk embroideries, scroll paintings, wood-blocks, tooled bronze—these are marvels that we cannot match.

"The Chinese," says an Arab author, "are of the number of

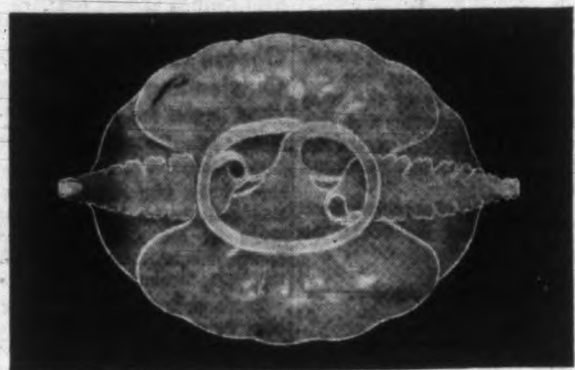
God's creatures having the greatest skill in design, and every species of handicraft. In China a man will execute by manual dexterity that which no person could believe to be possible." To prove his words, look at this jade poppy bowl.

To us, jade is a pretty stone for costume jewelry. Lin Yutang would be needed, and many books, to tell all the beauties of design and of philosophy in this one piece. There are hundreds of thousands of carved jades in China, and each piece is sacred, the history of them is the history of the land, the worst threat of the Japanese invaders: "We will burn your jade." Year after year, with patient hand-drill, scrape and polish, scrape and polish, one slip of the graving tool and the gem is marred. But these hands do not falter. At last, carved from the hard rock to paper thinness, polished to satin sheen, the lovely white jade flower is complete, a wonder for all time. Note how the underside is finished, for the Gods see everywhere.

These outstretched hands are not the hands of beggars; are not down the years they have enriched our homes. Cultured, peace-loving China is temporarily in distress; ours now the high privilege to make some slight repayment on the honor debt we owe. Generations on from now, when our children's children come to read the record of our time—the sorry record of ill-will rife between man and brother man, on that dark page they'll see with pride one bright spot: that we Canadian forefathers, amid our manifold concerns, did try to show good will to men in China.



An example of the priceless art China has given to the Occidental world: Exquisite white jade poppy bowl, inscribed with poem praising its beauty by Emperor Ch'ien Lung. Dated 1770. From Fuller Collection, Seattle.



Underside of bowl.

# Recalls Days of Victoria's Chinese Dead House

By REBY MACDONALD

**THERE USED TO BE** a Chinese dead-house on Store Street. For this macabre bit of Victorian I am indebted to Mr. Campbell's old scrapbook. Frank Campbell, you remember, kept the tobaccoist's on the corner of Government and Yates Street which became famous as "Campbell's Corner." For along with a brand of excellent cigars he kept a bulletin board of news, and the crowds which now stand peering upward at the Victoria Daily Times' windows then peered upward at Frank Campbell's.

Campbell must have been the Mayor La Guardia of Victoria, for there wasn't a fire in this town that he didn't squirt water at, nor one in the whole of B.C. which he didn't keep a record of. He belonged to the "Tigers," which was in direct opposition to the "Hook and Ladder Company" and "The Deluge Company." Judging from the records, they must have competed like big-time baseball to douse the local flames.

The large combination diary

and scrapbook which he left is a very tantalizing document. It seems to have been originally a record of Victoria's fires told from the "inside," saying how they started and, what is more to the point, who collected the insurance. Perhaps it is the record of the "Tiger Company" alone.

In any case, Frank decided to use the book for a scrap album and, in consequence, the pages of fine writing recording the names of those who set fire to their own houses have been pasted over with clippings covering most of the conflagrations of B.C., bits of poetry which took his fancy, riddles, and the results of the Convent examinations containing the names of his daughters.

## ABSORBED ASSIDUITY

In one of these, I note that Clara Campbell got a first in assiduity, a first in rhetoric, a second in astronomy and a second in instrumental music. I'm not clear just what a course in "assiduity" would be like, but if it means what I think it does, it's what my teachers agreed unanimously that I should get nothing in.

The clipping covering the Chinese dead-house is, unfortunately, undated, but judging by other



Frank Campbell... Victoria's Mayor La Guardia.

clippings on the same page, it probably happened in the year '71. In any case, the dead-house was a large frame building which stood near the old Spratt and Irving's Foundry on Store Street, and it took fire one morning.

obligation to return them to China.

The bodies were waiting for shipment to China. The Chinese law held the companies under whose auspices the Chinamen were brought to America responsible for the safe return to China of every man deported. Dead or alive, they had to put in an appearance in their native country or the company suffered a heavy fine.

Women, it seemed, were not considered in this plan. Being merely chattels, they could be where they happened to drop, but the men, the men must be returned to their ancestral land.

The law would accept only one excuse for the nonappearance of a deported Chinaman, and that was if his body had been irrevocably lost in fire. In that case the responsibility of the company handling them would cease. As the newspaper of that day explained, if the 50 bodies had been consumed by fire, the company would have been spared the expense of "shipping the ghastly remains to the 'Flowery Kingdom'."

## SOUNDS FIRE ALARM

Fortunately for the souls of the 50 Chinese lying in the frame building, special officer Hart saw the fire and sprinted up to Yates

and Douglas Street, where the "Deluge" boys hung out, and rang the bell furiously. At the sound of the gong, every merchant on three streets tore off his apron, reached for his helmet and his axe, and headed for his respective company. The "Hook and Ladder" boys lit out for Bastion Street, where their hoses were housed opposite the Police Court; the "Deluge" lads headed for Yates and the "Tiger Company" streamed toward Johnson and seized hold of their engine.

Meanwhile, Sergeant McMillan and Officer Grebe burst in the door of the dead-house and, having nothing better at hand, had to scoop up sand from the floor and fling it at the flames.

When the brigades had fought it out on the street for first position and finally got their hoses connected and ready to go, the two officers had, by climbing in and around the 50 bodies, succeeded in smothering the flames that fiercely burned on three partitions.

# The Ancient One Observes...

## The Words of the Sphinx

By DON CANTELL

**AND SO IT** came to pass that Muss the Lin sent forth his legions to invade the Land of the Ancients.

"We shall bring back the Sphinx and the Great Pyramid unto Muss the Lin for there is none who would dare stand before us."

Now when the rulers of the Land of Eng heard of these things they sent forth unto the Land of the Ancients many soldiers.

## TALL, FEARLESS ANZACS

Many of these soldiers were those who were called Anzacs and they did come from that part of the world which is called "down under," for this land is many leagues distant from the Land of Eng. And these men were great in stature and fearless in battle. And, unlike the legions of Muss the Lin, they spoke no word concerning those things which they were about to do.

And when the time came that the legions of the Land of It had gathered together for battle they sent forth unto the ruler of the Land of the Ancients, saying,

"Prepare to meet thy maker for tonight we shall rejoice and

rest, tomorrow we shall fall upon thee and thou shalt be no more."

But lo and behold, before the next dawn had come upon the earth the soldiers of the Land of Eng did fall upon the soldiers of the Land of It and they did flee in terror far out into the sands of the desert.

And the ruler of the Land of the Ancients went forth unto the Sphinx and said,

"O thou who hath seen the ages pass before thine eyes, what thinkest thou of these things?"

"Fear not. But remember the words of the ancient proverb which sayeth, 'If thou doth beat upon the walls of a can which is empty it shall make more din than one which is full.' In these words thou hath thine answer for Hitt the Spout and Muss the Lin are as cans that are empty."

"Truly many things hath passed before mine eyes for I have seen even the waters of the earth divide so that many may pass in safety. Likewise I have seen the swiftness of the chariots of gas and the birds of war of the Land of Eng. But of all these things there is nothing that can surpass the swiftness of the men of the Land of It as they flee from the field of battle."



## Farms Contribute Much To Christmas Festivity

By CERES

"Christmas and the farm; the farm and food."

Christmas, 1940, should see a revival of the ancient Christmas toast. Those were the days when the value of the farm was universally recognized, but in the whirl of modern life the farm, as the sure foundation of material civilization, is apt to be forgotten. The word farm means food and was so called because in older times the tenant was required to provide the landlord with food by way of rent. Today this definition has been considerably extended in that the farm supplies the nation with food, and without food, without the feeding of the multitude, it is not given to human beings to be able openly to express that spirit of universal kindness and peace and good will evoked by the teachings of the Master in the celebration of the festival of Christmas.

### INTIMATE CONNECTION

The connection between agriculture and Christmas has been intimate from the beginning. It was to shepherds watching their flocks by night that the words "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy" were addressed. It was in a lowly stable attached to a farm-khan that the Saviour of the world was born, and a few days later it was on the back of the most humble farm animal, the ass, that He was borne to Egypt in safety.

It was from the agricultural population mainly that the early Christians drew their adherents, and many years later it was over the farms and orchards in the vicinity of Rome that the early Christians scoured the country in search of holly branches to decorate their churches and dwellings at Christmastide.

Meanwhile, the farm, as ever, continued to furnish the where-withal for the feast, and at the same time, as centuries rolled by and towns became swamped in their own activities, it was the farm that kept alive the kindly, ancient rites of the feast. Many centuries later, Charles Dickens restored to the townsfolk of England something of the joy and beauty of the spirit of Christmas which still flourished among agricultural communities. Even today many of the ancient agricultural Christmas celebrations, as distinct from the towns, survive, some of them under limited conditions. There is Plough Monday, for example, which is still observed in several countries, including the British Isles. In older times in Europe, Plough Monday marked the end of the Christmas holidays. It was held on the first Monday in January after the 12th day. It was customary on Plough

Monday, before the ploughman returned to work on the following day, to draw a plough from door to door of the parish to solicit "plough money" to spend in a frolic. The queen of the banquet was called Bessy.

### FEAST OF BOAR'S HEAD

Then there was the ancient feast of the boar's head which still exists in at least three distinct communities in England—at Queen's College, Oxford, on Christmas Day, and at the annual Christmas banquets of the City of London at the Guildhall and of the Worshipful Company of Cutlers in London. The proceedings are much the same. Trumpets sound and the boar's head is carried in procession, escorted by chorists singing the old carol "The boar's head in hand bring I." At the City of London feast, the master takes the lemon from the boar's jaws and at Oxford the Provost takes the orange and presents it to the principal singer. At the Cutlers' Hall, the president of the feast accepts the present of a pot of mustard, and extols the circumstances of the feast. This reference to mustard must be very old, because in a carol that had been in vogue for centuries before, Wynkyn de Worde printed the words in 1521 A.D., the last line of which runs "the bore's head with mustarde."

The phrase "Christmas Box" originated in the early Christian times. It was really then a box which was placed in the church for promiscuous charities and was opened on Christmas Day. The contents were distributed the next day (Boxing Day) by the priest, and where the contributions consisted of cash were known as box money. However, farmers were accustomed to leave their contributions in kind, eggs, butter, flour, meat and other agricultural products, much the same as the farmers of Quebec today place fruits at the church entrance on Thanksgiving Day, and the same as centuries rolled by and towns became swamped in their own activities, it was the farm that kept alive the kindly, ancient rites of the feast. Many centuries later, Charles Dickens restored to the townsfolk of England something of the joy and beauty of the spirit of Christmas which still flourished among agricultural communities. Even today many of the ancient agricultural Christmas celebrations, as distinct from the towns, survive, some of them under limited conditions. There is Plough Monday, for example, which is still observed in several countries, including the British Isles. In older times in Europe, Plough Monday marked the end of the Christmas holidays. It was held on the first Monday in January after the 12th day. It was customary on Plough

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So once more, the ancient toast: "Christmas and the farm; the farm and food."

## Christmas Greens Vanishing With Reckless, Wasteful Use

By P. L. RICKER

President, Wild Flower Preservation Society of America.

Christmas trees and Christmas "greens" are very much in evidence. In florists' shops, on street corner stands, even in neighborhood grocery stores you find their glossy leaves and bright berries attractively displayed, appealing to the festive holiday shopper. "Come, buy! Come, buy!" It seems too bad to spoil even a little of this prelude to Yuletide jollity by a note of caution. Yet the sad fact is that much of this Christmas greenery was garnered in total disregard of good conservation practice. And some of it was just plain stolen from its rightful owners. Not very appropriate for the great feast of peace and good will, that kind of thing!

Some of the raids which market gatherers conduct are on such a large scale that a movement is spreading, even if only slowly, to require market material to be plainly tagged, indicating its source and stating that it was collected by approved conservation methods. In some parts of the continent, highway police have been authorized to stop loads of Christmas greens and require the showing of a permit from the owner of the property from which it came, and copies of the permit are required to be filed with a designated local official. Worst of tree losses at Christ-

mas time comes from the commercialization of the native American holly.

Male and female flowers of holly are borne on separate trees, and commercial gatherers have for many years been cutting the female, berry-bearing branches, or in many cases stripping all branches from the female trees, causing their death, thus leaving only male trees, which produce no berries. In making wreaths, branches from male trees are now extensively used, with berries from the deciduous-leaved holly, or with artificial berries consisting of small pieces of plaster of paris mounted on wire and dipped in red paint.

Mistletoe, without which no Christmas party would be complete, is a parasite on several tree species and is becoming scarce in many places. It is doubtful if it could be cultivated on a profitable commercial scale, so that it is not at all improbable that future generations of girls may have to find some other means of encouraging bashful swains.

Several species of ground pine are used for wreaths. Since their long runners are pulled up when the plants are gathered, the species are seriously threatened with extermination in many localities. Three-inch cuttings from the growing tips of the plants root readily in damp forest loam or sand in shady places, but must not be permitted to dry out. This

## Brilliant Little Bulbs for the Rockery

The tiny plants which would be lost in the perennial border or the formal garden belong in the rock garden. Many of these miniatures are the faithful little bulbs, and the first masses of brilliance in the rock garden will be the soft color of the earliest bloom—the snowdrops, white with green trimming.

The rock garden is not for the common run of garden plants. It is a garden for the smaller plants and especially for the species which often retain a delicate beauty lost in their more colorful children. Plant crocus species, as well as the named varieties. There are a number of fine sorts.

Plant such snowdrops as you can find catalogued. Try the tribe of muscari, the grape hyacinths.

The California dog-tooth violets or trout lilies as well as the eastern forms are beautiful material. The little yellow winter aconite, *eranthis-hymalis*, difficult to grow under ordinary garden conditions, usually takes kindly to the rockery.

The intense blue of the Siberian



The little bulbs are real sparklers in the rock garden.

quill, which will grow anywhere, is a fine rock garden note. There are other squills of equal beauty. California offers some tiny bulbs of rare beauty in its butterfly tulip and brodiaea.

Some of the smaller tulip species, such as the lady tulip, *clausiana*, are fine rock garden subjects. You may steal a march on

the season and have a rock garden a thing of sparkling beauty before the regular rock garden perennials start their season by the liberal use of bulbs of early spring.

The miniature narcissi are indispensable for rock garden use and are one of the real gems of the miniature garden.

## Garden Notes

By ALEX. MITCHELL, F.R.H.S.

### SHRUB BORDERS

During inclement weather when digging, etc., cannot be proceeded with, advantage may be taken of the opportunity to clean up the shrub border, cutting out dead branches and old wood, not forgetting to gather all the leaves for future use as may be required.

Rhododendrons, azaleas and other surface-rooting subjects may be given a top-dressing of leaf-mold and manure with advantage. Planting or transplanting still to be done should be proceeded with during periods of open weather.

### CHRYSANTHEMUM SPORT

Chrysanthemums, like a great many other highly-bred florists' flowers, have a tendency to sport, color pigments may be blended or so associated as to produce a certain color effect, but if these pigments segregate at one particular point, then the flowers will carry the particular pigment that has dissociated itself from the rest, and the resulting flower will carry that color and become a sport that is a different color from the true varietal form.

### Cheese Exhibit Outstanding

The largest and the best exhibition of Canadian Cheddar cheese was the outstanding feature of the 13th annual convention and British Empire Dairy Show of the Central Ontario Cheesemakers' Association at Belleville, December 2 to 4.

There were 563 cheese on exhibit from all parts of Ontario and from Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta, and the judges had an exacting task in selecting the prizewinners.

Gordon C. Longfield, Belton, Middlesex County, Ontario, won the Grand Championship on six entries with an average score of 97.95. Five of the entries scored 98 points.

L. E. Adair, Burgessville, Oxford County, Ontario, was the runner-up with a grand average of 97.51, who made the highest score on one cheese in the exhibition—98.5. Bert Anderson, Madoc, Ontario, won a major honor for Central Ontario by winning the British Empire Challenge Trophy and Gold Medal with an average score of 97.7. O. J. McEvoy, provincial government cheese instructor for Hastings County won the Dairy Instructor's special prize of \$25. This was open only to central and eastern Ontario and the conditions were that there should be not less than eight cheese exhibited and only one from each factory entered.

may point the way for the development of another outdoors industry if the rate of succeeding growth is sufficiently rapid to make it pay.

At the rapid rate our woodlands are being cleared, these conservation problems must receive serious attention in the not distant future, or the next generation will have to find substitutes for some of our Christmas greens.

## Potato Production Hits All-Time High



Where Did All the Spuds Come From? What Will the World do With Them?

IF ALL CROP forecasts come true, 1940 will be marked by the greatest abundance of potatoes in world history.

For the Germans this will mean not only a great supply of a food which they heavily consume even in peacetime, but also an opportunity, through chemical processes, to make starches.

For Britain the record crop will mean a big saving in importation of food.

For the U.S. the crop means some quick adjustments will have to be made to obtain fullest economic advantage of the great spud year. The usual export market is largely cut off by the war and America finds itself with a crop of about 393,931,000 bushels, according to the November estimate of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This compares with 364,016,000 for 1939 and 366,949,000 for the 1929-1938 average.

The U.S. Surplus Marketing Administration has already taken advantage of this surplus by not only buying potatoes for direct relief distribution to the needy, but also by listing potatoes as one of the surplus crops which can be purchased under the food stamp plans.

### GOVERNMENT BATTLES SURPLUS

A great many potatoes probably will be absorbed in the making of vegetable starches, some of which America formerly largely imported. The newly organized system of regional research laboratories has included potatoes on its study list. Two of the four research laboratories of the U.S. Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering are giving attention to the industrial utilization of white potatoes. They are Western Regional Research Laboratory under Dr. T. L. Swenson in Albany, Calif., and

the Eastern Regional Research Laboratory under Dr. P. A. Wells in Philadelphia. The Southern Research Laboratory in New Orleans is investigating possible industrial utilization of the sweet potato.

A program of the U.S. Surplus Marketing Administration for diverting supplies of potatoes into starch and dextrine is now in operation in a number of states. Under this program, the rate of federal payment will be 14.5 cents per 60-pound bushel for Irish potatoes of U.S. No. 2 grade. This means that most Americans will be eating U.S. No. 1 grade. There are at present 26 starch factories in Maine, one in Dalbo, Minn., and a new one in Klamath Falls, Ore. There is also one at Glendale, Calif., not now operating.

Of the estimated 1940 crop of 393,931,000 bushels, Maine alone will produce 45,135,000 bushels, an increase over 1939 of 6,885,000 bushels.

Under the present program of the Surplus Marketing Administration, the potato farmers can store their high-quality potatoes to be sold at good prices, while taking smaller cash payments for the low grades delivered to starch factories. They thus save charges for storage, re-grading and insurance, and losses through shrinkage.

### POTATOES TO PLANES?

The Germans are rumored to have found a way to make plastics out of potatoes and are supposed to be utilizing these in the manufacture of parts for airplanes. Formerly they made automobile fuel alcohol out of potatoes. The latest reports are that they have dropped this, and are now using potatoes for food mainly and making alcohol almost entirely from wood. In America there is one plant, at Idaho Falls,

## Island Jerseys Do Well, Set Many R.O.P. Records

By O. C. E.

At the annual meeting of the British Columbia Jersey Breeders' Association in Vancouver recently, the president, W. S. Wainwright reported a successful and progressive year for the Jersey breed. He referred to the Parish Shows at Saanichton and Chilliwack, the fine calf clubs exhibited at the various fairs, and the high records that had been made in R.O.P. work during the year.

O. C. Evans, Jersey fieldman, reported the increased demand for Jersey cattle on the prairies had resulted in seven or more carload shipments being made to Alberta and Manitoba. Forty different shipments of purebred Jerseys had been made from British Columbia to Washington and Oregon.

The meeting was in favor of vaccine No. 19 being made available to the breeders for use in calfhood vaccination for Bangs disease. Early registration of calves, more frequent tests by R.O.P. inspectors, and rules regarding registration of animals produced by artificial insemination were discussed.

Members present from Vancouver Island were: Arthur W. Aylard, Sidney; Geo. Malcolm, Victoria; J. S. Braidwood, Victoria; and E. C. Hawkins, Crofton.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers elected were: Hon. presidents, H. E. Burbridge, Royal Oak; Chas. Antenen, Vancouver. President, W. S. Wainwright; vice-president, R. C. Philipson, Chilliwack.

Directors: T. E. Law, Chilliwack; A. E. Dumville, Sardis; A. W. Aylard, Sidney; Geo. Malcolm, Victoria; W. Williams, Dewdney; F. Fuller, Haney; Geo. McCullough, Agassiz; E. C. Hawkins, Crofton; H. D. Young, Vancouver; J. Grauer, Eburne; Hugh Savage, Ladner; H. T. E. Price, Ganges; Geo. O. Triss, Milner; Chas. Mann, Langley Prairie; Jas. McCallan Jr., Armstrong; S. B. Trites, Chilliwack.

Auditor, J. S. Braidwood of Victoria was made a life member of the association.

In the latest R.O.P. reports for Jerseys many Vancouver Island cows are shown with good production.

In the herd of W. J. Horsland, Victoria, Olympic Cowslip Golden Lady produced 10,363 pounds of milk and 555 pounds of fat in 305 days as a five-year-old.

Three daughters of the preferential sire, Golden Standard 2nd, owned by H. E. Burbridge, Royal Oak, finished with over 500 pounds of fat in the 305-day class. Babbacombe Standard's Sente made 9,622 pounds of milk and 543 pounds of fat as a four-year-old; Babbacombe Standard's Volage gave 9,528 pounds of milk and 533 pounds of fat at eight years; and Babbacombe Standard's Siren, 8,704 pounds of milk, 525 pounds of fat at four years.

Golden Standard's Myrtle, owned by A. W. Aylard, Sidney, produced 8,951 pounds of milk and 547 pounds of fat in 305 days at seven years of age.

Thrive Oxford Spot, owned by Lieut. Ian Douglas, R.C.N.V.R., Saanichton, gave 8,902 pounds of milk and 547 pounds of fat in 305 days at five years.

In the herd of Watt Brothers, Duncan, Heather Bank Lady Queen produced 11,116 pounds of milk and 552 pounds of fat in 353 days at seven years of age.

Elderslie Signalman's May, owned by E. C. Hawkins, Crofton, made 10,758 pounds of milk and 496 pounds of fat in 365 days as a three-year-old.

Major A. D. Macdonald, Sidney, is the owner of Duntulm Volunteer May, with 8,617 pounds of milk and 438 pounds of fat in 304 days at five years of age.

Heather Bank Alligator's Bess, owned by Heather Bank Estates, Cobble Hill, produced 8,122 pounds of milk and 479 pounds of fat in 305 days at four years.

Fairfield's Prima's Sophie, owned by Graham Craig, Cowichan Station, gave 8,337 pounds of milk and 462 pounds of fat in 305 days as a three-year-old.

Seaview Diamond Sultana, owned by C. J. Lambert, Sidney, made 7,304 pounds of milk and 399 pounds of fat in 290 days at four years.

## Garden Tools Important, Should Be Checked Now

By H. T. J.

Now that there is not so much garden work, look over your garden tools in the basement and prepare in this regard for the first days of spring, really not so far off.

In the tool kit of the home gardener there are implements for various purposes just as in the golfer's bag there are clubs for varying distances. Of the gardener, as of the golfer, it may be said that his close-up work is the most important.

Good performance with the hoe and the rake is as common as fairly long drives on the fairway; but the master gardener is stamped by the skill of his trowel, as the golfer's expert is supreme in mashing prowess.

### TROWEL IMPORTANT

The trowel, unquestionably is the most treasured tool of what may be termed a "dirt gardener"—that is, one who knows and loves the feel of soil, rather than being content with planning, directing and discussing garden operations. The trowel serves many purposes. Most important, perhaps, is the use in transplanting. Fully half the average vegetable garden, and more than half in the case of flowers, is composed of plants that have been moved from the place they started with the assistance of a trowel.

Idaho, actively producing alcohol from potatoes.

British Columbia this last summer has been working to capture the potato market of South America, now that practically no potatoes are being shipped from European countries.

Vancouver Island farmers held meetings and discussions and planted better seed in order to improve their potatoes, with notable success.

They are up against stiff competition, however, as this article shows, but they are not downhearted and feel this island can produce potatoes as fine as anywhere in North America.

The trowel takes a gardener down on his or her knees; it makes him familiar with the things he grows and the soil they grow in; it is useful in the important job of thinning out and in the finer points of cultivating; it is a tool that a gardener always wants near by, and it should be a good one. Nothing is more useless than a trowel of poor material, which will bend or break at the very time strength is most needed. The expense of a heavy one of steel may be spread over many years of faithful service.

### HOE COMES NEXT

The hoe stands second in importance. Some gardeners have many of different shapes—square, pointed, rounded, etc. These are good, though an ordinary hoe will serve all purposes fairly well. The hoe cuts down weeds and stirs the top soil, leaving a dust mulch to conserve moisture. A wheel hoe in the garden of fair size will save time in cultivating between rows.

A pronged hand hoe in the small garden is as fast as the wheel type. It consists of three to five cultivator teeth attached to a handle. It may be used in irregular plantings where a wheel hoe would be useless.

A rake for smoothing the surface of the garden is necessary. Those who wish may obtain special tools for every operation, including seed and fertilizer spreaders. A spraying device is needed in every garden. If gardening be considered a sport then the spraying apparatus is its chief weapon and the slaughter of insect pests one of the greatest satisfactions to be obtained from it. There are many types of spraying devices, suited to large and small gardens.

### Staverman's S.C.R.I. Reds

Took 1st and 2nd prize in hot class of 17 exhibition pullets at Vancouver Winter Show this month. Were sired by 4th generation R.O.P. male. They lay, win and pay; chicks grow fast. Ask 1941 bulletin. Langford Lake, Leigh Rd., V.I., B.C.



## Now Don't Forget Anything



Diana Hopkins took a long time to make out the list of presents she wanted from Santa Claus and she was almost too late in mailing it. She is shown above pondering over her list and wondering whether or not she has left anything out. Next Wednesday morning she will find out just how well Santa Claus has filled her order.

## Many Happy Returns of the Day, Santa



Last week there were stories on the Children's Page about how Christmas was celebrated in a number of European countries, but one was missed—Switzerland. In the above picture you'd never guess what the men are doing. They are putting on a birthday party for Santa Claus. Swiss herdsman at Kaltbrunn, wearing towering masks, bang giant cowbells to celebrate the birthday of St. Nicholas.

## Mailing Her Order



Children all over the North American continent enjoy the same thrills at Christmas. Up to a certain age they write letters to Santa Claus and tell him what they want. In the above picture little Mary Goode, who lives way down in Dallas, Texas, climbs a ladder to drop her letter in a mail box set up in a department store.

## Willie Winkle

### Everyone Is Ready For Santa Claus

WELL, HERE'S HOPING that Santa Claus doesn't get the 'flu. It seems to me that everybody around our neighborhood has had it or has got it. But they say that germs can't live up at the North Pole so he shouldn't have any. He may pick some up when he's over Victoria but then by the time he starts driving back over the Arctic Circle the germs will go into cold storage.

We're all beginning to think it's going to be a hard Christmas, what with the 'flu and reports going around our homes that our parents have got to buy war savings certificates and give so much money to victims of the war.

But it's not so bad not getting expensive presents. The worst is the cancelling of so many parties and concerts. We sure missed out school concerts after all the practicing we'd done. Some of us were going to get our first chance to be real actors but Jack was the one who felt the worst.

"Sure robbed me a chance of getting started for Hollywood," said Jack. "I'd practiced so much I knew everything. All I was scared of was getting tongue-tied."

"Bet what makes you mad was that you didn't get a chance to put your arm around Phyllis' waist," Skinny said. "Don't blush now, we know."

Jack was to have been the leading actor in our play and Phyllis was the leading lady. In the last part he had to make love to Phyllis and he had to put his arm around her.

OUR TEACHER said because we couldn't have the school concert we could have one in our classroom and anyone who wished to do something could do so.

Well, yesterday morning we had the concert and at the end the teacher said: "Now we will have a carol 'From Out of a Wood Did a Cuckoo Fly'. It will be sung by Reginald!"

children, just like you and me, were having a Christmas concert over in Czechoslovakia — you know, that's the country the Germans stole a little while ago. Well, this little girl was poor and she didn't have any money to buy a present for the teacher. She was feeling pretty blue but she was musical and, instead of crying and saying she wouldn't go to school, she sat down and wrote this carol and even composed a tune for it. The teacher was so thrilled with the carol that she got a real musician to make the arrangement for the tune, and now I'll sing it for you—at least I'll try."

And, would you believe it, Skinny sang the carol, and did it pretty good. We clapped a lot for Skinny and when he sat down our teacher made a little speech.

REGINALD, I never expected such sentiments from you," she said. "But it's surprising what there is inside boys. I think there is a lovely lesson in the story of that little girl. Sometimes we are very disappointed at Christmas when we do not receive the large or expensive presents we would like and we are envious of other children who do get them. But just think of the little girl whom Reginald has told us about. She is the only one whose Christmas present is remembered today. People will sing that carol but all the other presents the teacher received are either worn out or forgotten."

"Remember this Christmas, to be happy over whatever presents you receive and don't forget that many children, practically all of those in Europe, are going to have a very unhappy Christmas. I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. You are young and have no part in creating the sorrow and tragedy in this world and you should have a happy time. The merry times you have when you are young are always a sweet memory when you grow older and find that the world is not always full of the peace and fun that it was when you were going to public school. Then you will even think that perhaps your teachers were not half as bad as you now think they are."

"We think you're a swell teacher," said Jack to the teacher. "And to show you, we've got a present here for you." Jack handed her the present, and was she pleased when she opened the box and found a cup and saucer? We'd each contributed a nickel for the present.

"And we want you to have a Merry Christmas, too," said Jack. "We want you to come back—er, er—we want you to come back nice and sweet and be able to forgive us when we can't spell too good or don't do our adding up

## Story of Christmas Carols

THIS IS THE TIME of year when carols are popular. Not only in Sunday schools and churches are they being sung. They are coming in on the radio and in classes at day school they are being taught. The tunes are melodious and catch on easily and everyone likes to sing them at this time of the year.

Groups of children may be heard on many street corners these nights singing carols. Some of them gathered on the verandas of homes to sing for money for the Solarium or the children in Great Britain who have been victims of bombing raids.

These singing children are reviving a custom that was very popular when our grandparents and fathers were children in England. During the Christmas season carol-singers, usually from the families from the homes on the lord's estate, sallied forth to sing for the titled folks. Those were the days of big families and the children were taught-part singing. The father usually played the violin and perhaps there were other musical instruments. But the families sang lustily and well and were always invited inside for Christmas delicacies.

Long ago carols were purely religious hymns, expressing joy for the birth of the Saviour Christ, but in the course of time all sorts of merry tunes specially composed for singing at Christmas time came to be known as carols. "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen" is one of the oldest carols, and it tells the story of Christ in simple verse. There are several versions of the carol and it has been sung in England for centuries.

PERHAPS THE MOST popular carol for both young and old is "Silent Night." Like most other carols, it was written under unusual circumstances. The story is told that Franz Gruber, organist of a tiny church in Annsdorf, near Salzburg, high up in the Tyrolean mountains, near a century ago was preparing his music on Christmas Eve when the organ broke down.

A blizzard was raging and it was impossible for Gruber to get through to the neighboring town for material with which to repair the organ. His special program of Christmas music was ruined and he went to the assistant priest, Joseph Mohr, and asked him to write something simple that could be sung without a rehearsal. That evening Father Mohr, on returning from administering the last rites to a dying woman, paused on the snowy heights overlooking the town. The blizzard was over and he could faintly make out the town. It was quiet and still. Father Mohr thought it must have been a night like that when Christ was

born. He was deeply moved and went home and wrote the verses of "Silent Night."

Gruber set the words to music that could be played with a few chords on the guitar and that midnight the congregation listened to the first playing of "Silent Night." It was a nice tune, but it did not make any great impression on the congregation. However, when the repair man from the neighboring town had finished repairing the organ, Gruber sat down and played the music again. The repair man was so impressed that he asked for a copy and took it home with him. Then it spread to all parts of the world.

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O LITTLE TOWN of Bethlehem, another popular carol, was also written in a hurry. On a Sunday morning in 1867 the famous preacher Phillips Brooks of Boston, Mass., jotted it down to describe to his Sunday school

class the town of Bethlehem as he remembered seeing it on Christmas Eve in his travels. Many composers tried to set the famous carol to music but it remained for the organist of Brooks' own church to write the one that is so popular today.

"Away in a Manger," which is the first carol taught to little tots, was written by an anonymous author merely for his own children to sing one Christmas Eve. Martin Luther is generally credited with writing the carol.

### Fooled Tommy

As Tommy was putting on a coat which had been cut down from his father's overcoat he began to grumble.

"What's the matter?" asked his father. "Why," said Tommy, "this pocket's got no bottom to it." "That's not a pocket," said his father, "that's a buttonhole."

## How THE HYDRA CATCHES ITS PREY



THE HYDRA IS A WATER ANIMAL LESS THAN AN INCH LONG. IT HAS "FEELERS" THAT GROW AROUND ITS MOUTH. THESE GRASP THE SMALL CREATURES THAT THE HYDRA EATS.

ALL OVER THE FEELERS ARE LITTLE BARBS THAT CAN SHOOT THE PREY WITH POISON CALLED HYPNOTOXIN.

B. BARB THAT ACTS LIKE A TRIGGER!

T. POISON TUBE THAT SHOOTS OUT WHEN BARB TOUCHES THE PREY.



A HYDRA CATCHES A WATER FLEA. THE POISON HAS PARALYSED IT.

Among the small animals which often are present in ponds is one called a "hydra." Its body is less than an inch long, sometimes less than half an inch.

At one end of the body are several arms or tentacles. The number of the tentacles may be anywhere from five to 12.

At the other end of the body is a "foot." It is used to cling to a plant, a stick or a stone.

In the middle of the threadlike tentacles, we find the mouth. Into it go the fleas and other little victims which are captured.

Hydras lay eggs and the eggs hatch into tiny creatures which at length grow to the size of their parents.

So-called "buds" also appear on the body of a hydra. After a time they break off and take up life as separate animals.

When some accident cuts a hydra into two or three pieces, each piece may stay alive and grow into a new animal. This does not always happen, but it has been known to take place many times.

### Christmas Marks Daylight "Turning Point"

NOW WE ARE in the midst of the shortest days of the year.

From the past Tuesday to the coming Friday, the almanac shows days of the same number of minutes of daylight.

It may be said that daylight in this period differs by a matter of seconds, but not of minutes. In the line from Washington, D.C. to the San Francisco Bay area, the length of daylight is given as 9 hours and 26 minutes. This line cuts through Virginia, Missouri and Utah.

The parts of the United States which are having what we might call the "longest short days" are Florida, southern Louisiana and southern Texas. They are having daylight lasting a few minutes more than 10 hours. On the line running from Georgia through Alabama to southern California, the time is given as exactly 10 hours.

We might keep going southward with our "lines," and each one would cut through a region having a longer day at this time. Down in Argentina the people are having the longest stretch of daylight in the whole year. In the region around the South Pole, there is nothing but daylight. Days and nights pass, and the sun keeps on shining.

Around the North Pole, there is nothing but darkness. The sun does not appear in the sky for even a minute.

Christmas may be said to mark a turning point in the northern part of the earth. As the weeks go by, daylight gains a minute or two. By the end of January there will be about half an hour more daylight than there is now.

### Christmas Silence

Hushed are the pigeons cooing low  
On dusty rafters of the loft;  
And mild-eyed oxen, breathing soft,  
Sleep on the fragrant hay below.  
Dim shadows in the corner hide;  
The glimmering lantern's rays are shed  
Where one young lamb just lifts his head,  
Then huddles 'gainst his mother's side.  
Strange silence tingles in the air;  
Through the half-open door a bar  
Of light from one low-hanging star  
Touches a baby's radiant hair.  
No sound: the mother, kneeling, lays  
Her cheek against the little face,  
Oh human love! Oh heavenly grace!  
'Tis yet in silence that she prays!  
Ages of silence end tonight;  
Then to the long-expected earth  
Glad angels come to greet His birth  
In burst of music, love and light!  
—MARGARET DELAND.



# Hornet's Nest of Guns, Hidden Traps, Ready for Hitler's 'Second Try'



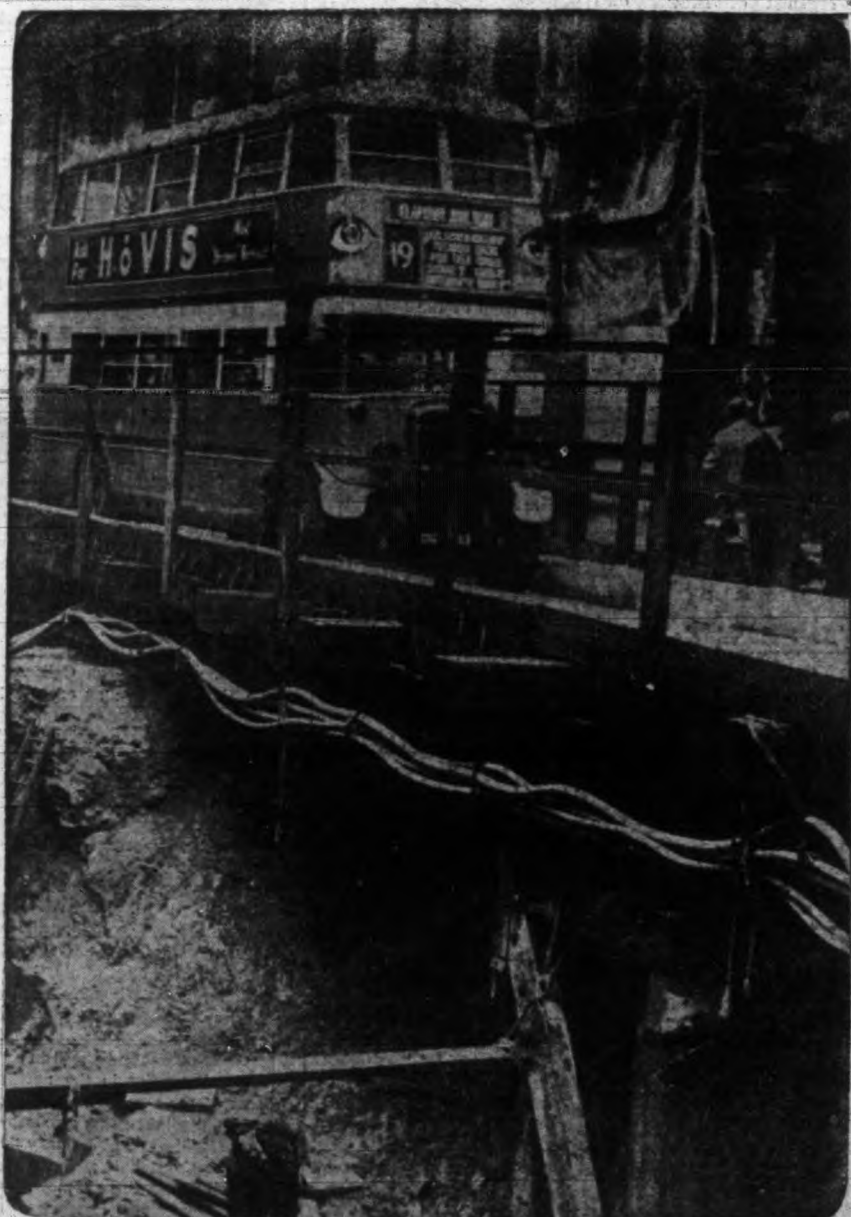
By the gaping mouth of a huge cannon, a young British gunner keeps sharp eyes to seaward. Gun and gunner are fellow guardians of Scotland's coast against possible German invasion.



Far from home are these British troops, members of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps, now in England helping stall Hitler's promised invasion. With laden pack-mules, they pick their way over seaweed-covered rocks along craggy coast.



Patrols like this keep ceaseless vigil along Channel shoreline in readiness for first sign of attempted Nazi blitzkrieg. Network of fortifications, gun emplacements, hidden traps makes this whole coast a forbidding wall.



**BRIDGING THE GAPS**—Royal Engineers built this bridge, part of their work in restoring transportation and communication, so that Londoners may still attend offices, stores, factories.



**STRIKES TWICE**—Mrs. E. Clayton and her daughter, Doris, wear cheerful smiles because war's lightning struck at them twice—but they escaped unhurt. A bomb struck their London home, but they were safe in their Anderson shelter. They moved to new quarters, taking the shelter along. They are pictured after it saved them again when their second house was blasted.



**SUDDEN DEATH, WELL IN HAND**—Standing calmly around, with possible death in their midst, a group of police, air raid workers, civilians watch while a worker carries off an unexploded aerial bomb, taken from German plane shot down in Bromley, Kent. Wreckage of plane is mingled with that of two homes it destroyed in crashing.



**TIN-HELMETED 'HELLO GIRLS'**—Telephone central offices comprise a "front line" of London's home defence steadily maintained by girl operators who have distinguished themselves for calm efficiency under German aerial bombardment. Here steel-helmeted "hello girls" carry on during an air raid alarm, their gas masks handy on backs of chairs.

## 'Tug of War' With Death for British Miners



Interesting but unhealthy, this job of pulling fangs from German mines washed up on British beaches. It's all in day's work for R.M.S. squad seen hauling a mine up on shore to safe place. "R.S.M." means "Rendering Mines Safe," is a special adjunct of the Royal Navy. Note that worker third from mine is a woman.



Workers remove explosive powder from huge globes, then burn it on beach, above, leaving only empty metal shell, which will later be dismantled, used for armaments.



**'CROSS SECTION'**—Freak explosion of a German bomb, which demolished a London apartment house, produced this clean-cut "cross section." Fireplaces and wall cupboards are intact. At upper left, door of a china closet is open, showing dishes undisturbed on shelves.